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THE DAY

A Golden Jubilee

THE changes which Mr. Hugh Gaitskell has made in his "shadow cabinet" are not profoundly significant, but a tinge of added interest is given by reason of the fact they have been announced the same week as the Parliamentary Labour Party celebrates its golden jubilee.

In 1906 Socialist representation in the House of Commons did not even entitle it to the label of Opposition. Nevertheless, Kier Hardie was able to lead 29 Labour MPs into the House and the Parliamentary Labour Party was born. The event also saw the beginning of the process of replacing the Liberal Party in the Commons by the Labour Party, which in turn, started the infusion of a strong element of Liberal ideas into the Conservative Party.

The fortunes of the Labour Party have varied greatly over a half century. In the first election of 1910 there were 40 MPs, in the second 42. With two and a quarter million votes at the end of World War I it had 57 seats. The 1922 election brought 142 Socialist MPs to the House and found the Labour Party for the first time the official Opposition in Parliament. The first Labour government was formed in 1923; it lasted a year. The Party first obtained a working majority in 1929, and two years later was virtually wiped out when only 46 MPs were returned. Four years later the Party's fortunes turned again and 152 Members won seats. In 1945 it swept the country and remained in power until 1951.

RADICAL reform, quite naturally, has been the main platform of the Party since its foundation, yet in times of national stress it has found itself capable of sinking political differences and working in harmony with other parties in the interests of the country. The Party's share in the wartime government represents one of the more notable phases in the history of British Socialism. Socialists, with some justification, will point to the post-war years as the high mark of achievement during the Party's first half century of existence; indeed its present young adherents may well be wishing in 50 years' time to celebrate them, whatever may happen in the meantime.

Those achievements, or at least some of them, are still subject to political controversy, but their historic importance cannot be disputed—the bringing of basic industries for the first time into public ownership and the substantial realisation of the Welfare State, a great burst of reforming legislation which succeeding Conservative governments have not chosen, maybe not even wished, to alter. The Labour Party is now in a stage of re-examining its doctrines, but at this moment it feels justified in pausing to congratulate itself on its accomplishments.

Can The Future Be Foretold?

Well, can the future be foretold? In tomorrow's feature-packed edition of the China Mail, Phyllis Digby Morton begins a new series which will give you an answer to this question. This is only one highlight. Watch out for others like these:

- ★ Marilyn Monroe is now the boss of Terence Rattigan and Sir Laurence Olivier — she has bought a Rattigan play and will co-star with Olivier in it. Les Armour thinks Miss Monroe is going to make a place for herself in history.
  - ★ Another treason trial story: Hanged by a passport he did not need, by Nigel Gee.
  - ★ Sefton Delmer spends a week with King Saud of Saudi Arabia and writes about "The King and I".
- There are all your regular favourites as well including Jane Roberts' reviews of the latest films in Hongkong, three pages of local and overseas pictures, special sections for women, children and sportsmen, cartoons, comic strips, puzzles, games — and the tips for tomorrow's meeting at the Valley — all in your Saturday China Mail.

HISTORIC COMMONS DECISION

House Calls For Abolition Of Death Penalty For Murder

MPs SHOUT FOR JOY

GOVT TO CONSIDER 'FREE VOTE' VERDICT

London, Feb. 16.

The House of Commons tonight voted to abolish the death penalty for murder.

The decision, by 293 votes to 262, was greeted with great shouts of joy by politicians who for years have campaigned to wipe out the gallows. The House arrived at its verdict on a "free vote".

The motion, which the government had opposed, urged the House to abolish or suspend the death penalty because it "no longer accords with the needs of a civilised society."

EDEN'S ASSURANCE

After the vote had been taken, Mr. James Chuter Ede, a former Labour Home Secretary, asked whether the Government would take steps to carry out the decision of the House. Sir Anthony Eden, the Prime Minister, replied: "Mr. Ede can be assured that the Government will give full weight at once to a decision taken by this House on a free vote. But I must add that we will, at the earliest opportunity, make a considered statement on the consequences which will flow from that."

The Prime Minister added it would be necessary for the Government to consider the statement for a day or two. Amid cheers he said: "But it will be the wish of the Government that there shall be no undue delay."

When the voting figures were announced, Opposition members, the chief supporters of abolition, jumped to their feet and cheered, many waving agenda papers above their heads.

EXCITED CROWD

The news spread quickly to an excited crowd who had been queuing all evening in the cold outside Parliament. The move for abolition took the form of an amendment to a Government motion which urged that the death penalty should be retained, but with the murder law modified.

At present, the death penalty applies to four crimes in Britain — murder, treason, piracy with violence and fire-raising in royal dockyards and arsenals. So ended Britain's third debate on capital punishment in the Commons since the war. It climaxed almost a century of agitation for the abolition of capital punishment.

The various galleries were filled almost to capacity and the Chamber itself was so full that members were sitting in the aisles.

DETERRENT PLEA

The Commons voted in 1948 to abolish capital punishment but this was rejected by the House of Lords — and hanging was restored after a 55-day period during which convicted murderers were automatically reprieved.

A year ago a private member's bill calling for a five-year suspension of the death penalty was rejected in the Commons by 245 to 214 on a free vote. Earlier two hours today Mr. Gwilym Lloyd George, the Home Secretary, appealed to the

House to retain the death penalty as the best deterrent to murder.

"I do not believe that in recent times there has been any case in which an innocent man has been hanged," he said.

This remark was challenged by the abolitionists. Since the war, he went on, there had been an increase in the more serious crimes of violence. Indictable sexual offences against women had nearly trebled.

To cheer from supporters of capital punishment, Mr. Lloyd George said: "I am not shaken by the fact that capital punishment causes suffering both to the condemned men and others."

"Murder causes suffering — and I see neither sense nor humanity in risking an increase of suffering by innocent victims and their families to reduce the suffering of murderers."

LABOUR 'CONVERTS'

Among the speakers who favoured abolition of hanging, were Mr. James Chuter Ede and Mr. Herbert Morrison, both former Labour Home Secretaries. Both said they had been converted since 1948.

Mr. Ede recalled how his conscience had troubled him since he refused to reprieve Timothy John Evans, who in 1950 was said to have murdered his wife and infant daughter. John Christie, mass-killer, who lived in the same house, later said murdered Mrs. Evans. Mr. Chuter Ede, who in 1950 was said to have murdered his wife and infant daughter, who lived in the same house, later said murdered Mrs. Evans.

GOVT PLAN

Mr. Lloyd George had earlier outlined the Government's proposals to modify the law of murder.

These were:

- ★ A person accused of murder should now be able to plead he was provoked by words used to him by the person he killed.
- ★ The last Royal (Independent) Commission on capital punishment recommended that a jury should be able to reduce murder to manslaughter on such grounds.

★ Mr. Lloyd George indicated the Government would be willing to change the law of "constructive malice" which he said was "unsatisfactory."

★ The Government accepted a recommendation by the Royal Commission on suicide pacts that where a survivor of a pact had only aided or abetted his companion, to commit suicide he should be guilty only of helping and not of murder.

★ The Government would closely study the Royal Commission's strong recommendation that England should follow the Scottish doctrine of "diminished responsibility" — the

"no man's land" between the clearly sane and the clearly insane.

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War Office Calls  
For Report On  
Murray Barracks

London, Feb. 16.  
The War Office has called for a progress report on negotiations now going on in Hongkong concerning the transfer of Murray Barracks, the Murray parade ground and the detention barracks to the local civil authorities.

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PERU ARMY MEN  
REVOLT  
AGAINST GOVT

Lima, Feb. 16.

The Peruvian Army garrison in the Amazon port of Iquitos was reported officially today to have revolted against the government of President Manuel Odría.

There were unconfirmed reports that the revolt had spread to the garrisons at Trujillo and Piura and the Amazon River fleet based at Iquitos had joined the revolt, which is headed by Brig-Gen. Marcel Merino Pereira.

It said the garrison was "acting for the good of the country and for the good name and prestige of the Army."

Unrest In Paraguay

Montevideo reports say there were skirmishes and shootings in various cities of Paraguay, with at least five dead.

Travellers and refugees arriving at Montevideo said the government had forbidden Paraguayans to listen to an underground radio station called "Boqueron" which is waging a "war of nerves" and calling on the people to rally against General Alfredo Stroessner, the President and Commander-in-Chief of armed forces.

In the town of Cango, five people, including a Government supporter, were killed in a clash between Police and the anti-Government resistance movement, reports said.

Bomb Thrown

In Oviedo, Government supporters threw incendiary bombs at the residence of the Liberal leader, Fortunato Barrio.

President Stroessner put down an attempted military coup last December.

Reinforced military guards were posted at Paraguayan public buildings last month, after a drastic purge of police and other officials known to sympathise with deposed Argentine president Juan Peron and his Paraguayan friend, Senor Epifanio Mendez Fletas.

Senor Mendez Fletas led the December abortive coup, after he was dismissed from the Presidency of the Central Bank. The President ordered his arrest on charges of plotting against the Government. — United Press and Reuter.

COLONY BANKS  
TO FOLLOW  
LONDON RATE?

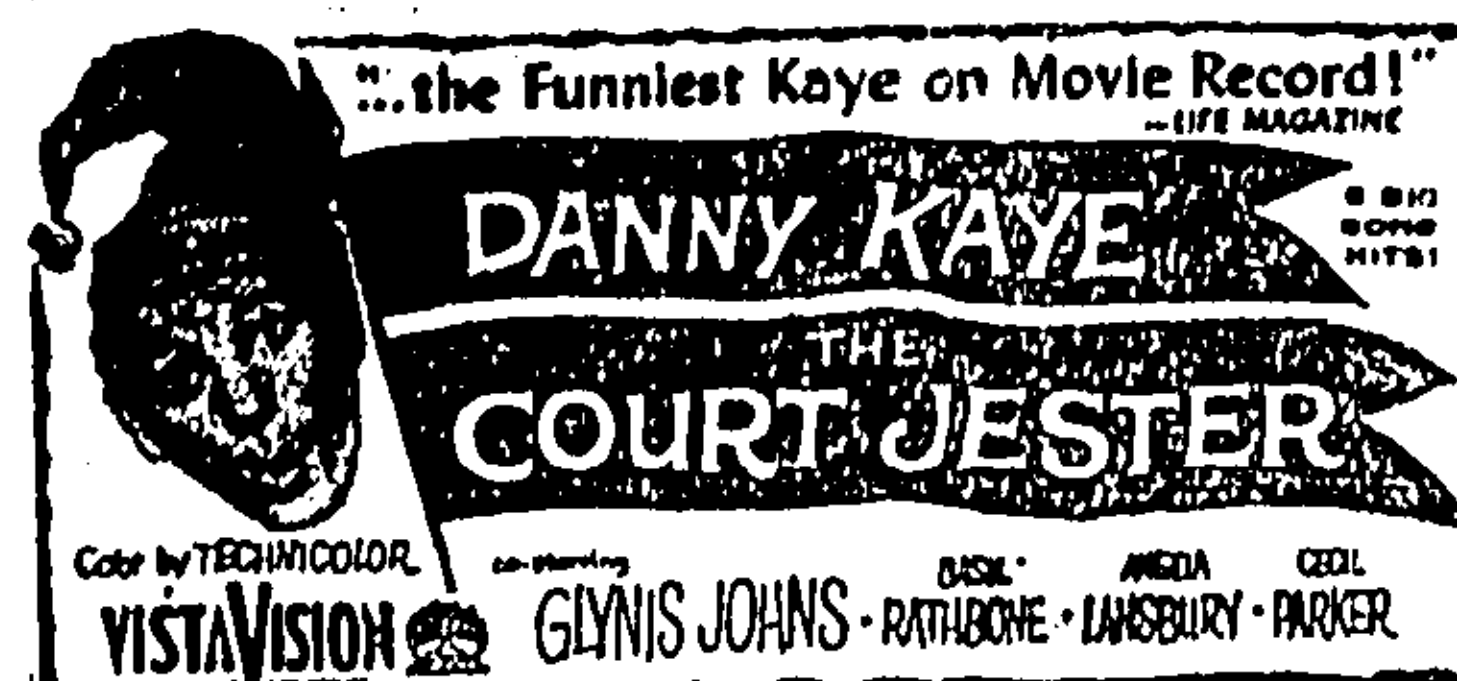
Banks in Hongkong are today examining the effect of the increase in the British bank rate upon their operations.

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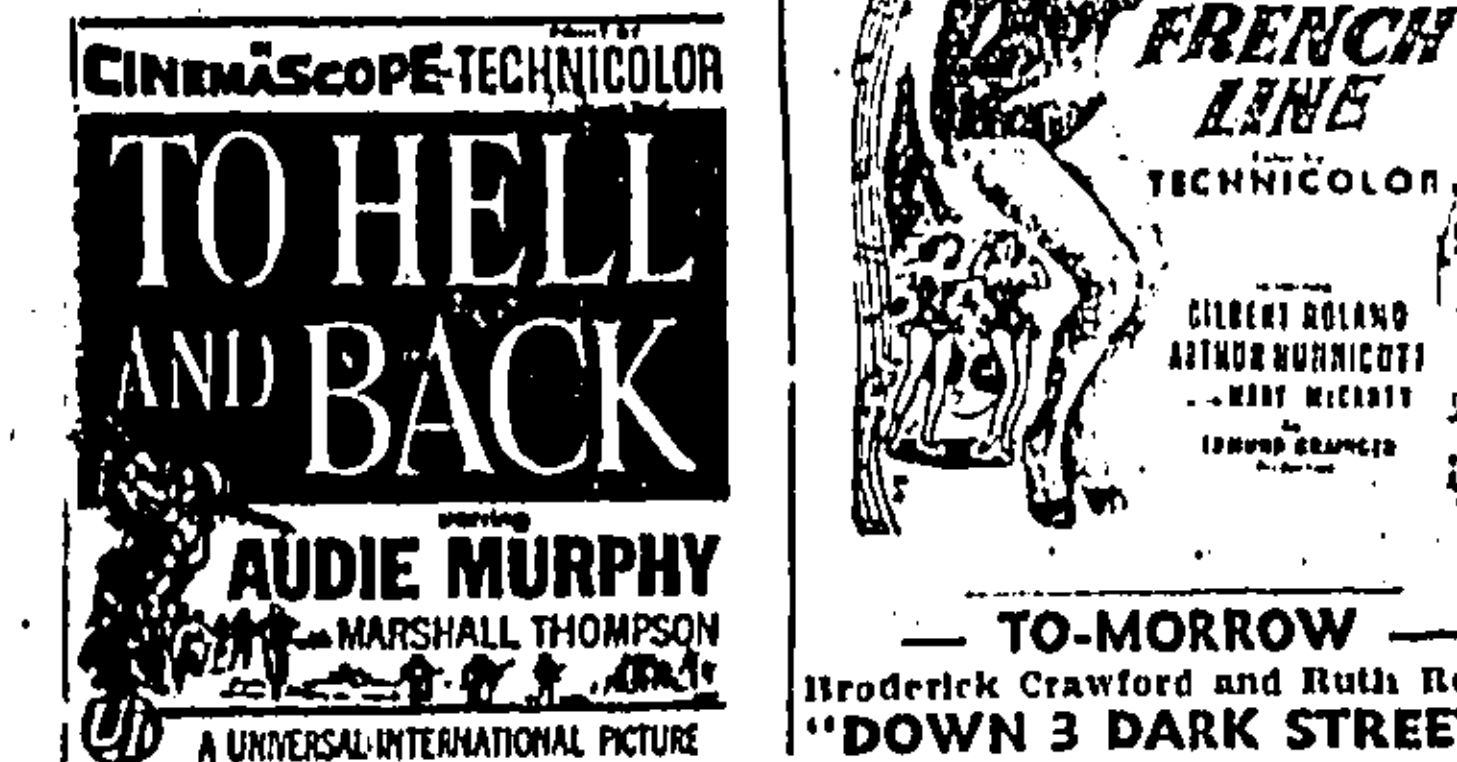
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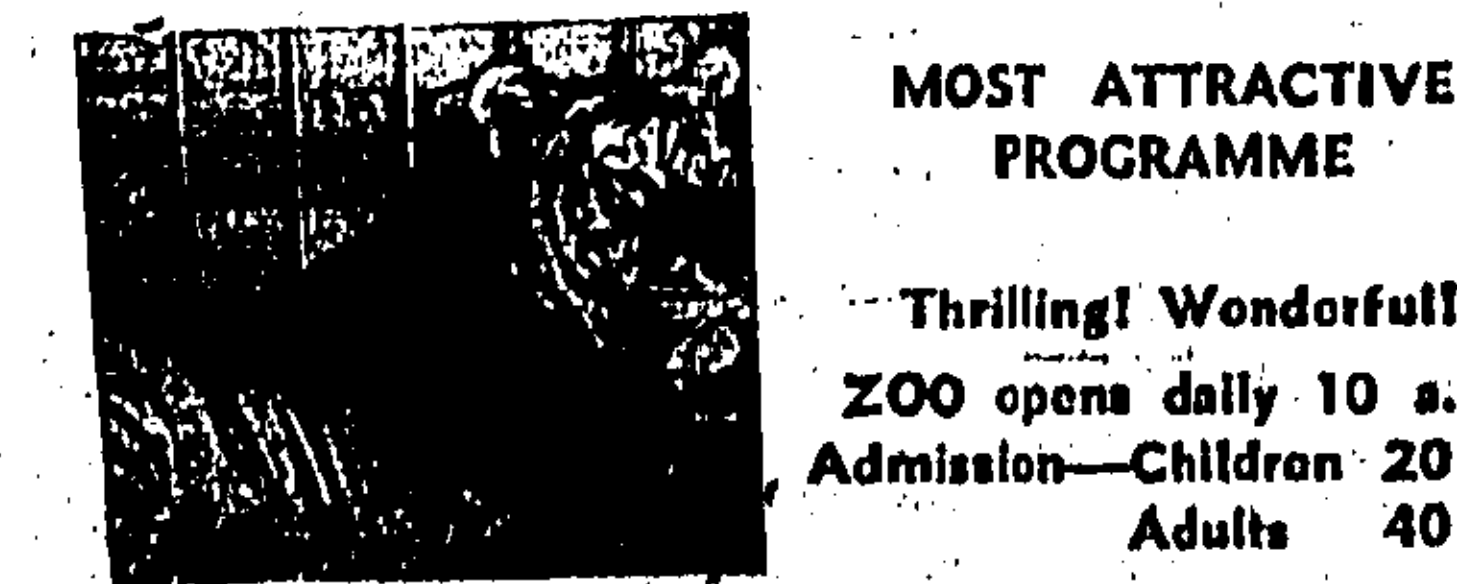
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# INDEPENDENCE COULD END

## MALAYAN EMERGENCY

—New Statesman

London, Feb. 16.

The Leftwing New Statesman and Nation said today "there can be no doubt that the London agreement (on Malayan independence) is the biggest step which has yet been taken towards ending the Malayan emergency."

Commenting on the results of the London conference, which ended last week, the weekly review recalled that the Communist leader Chin Peng had said he would stop his campaign as soon as an elected Malayan government had control of internal security and local armed forces.

"It is, of course, by no means certain that Chin Peng is now disposed to keep his promise—or, even if he is, that he is able to control all his followers," the New Statesman and Nation said.

the emergency continues. All this will call for considerable courage and ingenuity from Malayan ministers.

"It will also make heavy demands on British tolerance and wisdom."

"The broad fact is that in the long run there is no alternative to communism in Malaya except complete independence, the New Statesman and Nation said—Reuter.

### Three Fronts

"Once Malaya gets effective self-government there can be no further legitimate excuse for the Malayan Communist Party to sustain the guerrilla war, which from now on will become increasingly a war against the people of Malaya."

"In seeking to process the raw material of last week's agreement into the working machinery of an independent and democratic Government, (the Tengku and his fellow ministers) have to face difficulties on three separate fronts."

The first group concerns the technique of constitution making, and the practical problems of hammering out the somewhat complicated relations which the agreement envisages between the Malayan government and the representatives of the UK, especially in the fields of defence and finance.

### Vital Problem

"The second vital problem is how to win over the loyalty of the Chinese community to the idea of Malayan nationality and citizenship, and the third is the formulation of practical programmes of development and social services, which must be sufficiently imaginative to substitute a more positive political stimulus for what should be the dying bogey of colonialism."

"These problems will certainly not be solved without moments of friction and misunderstanding. All one can say at this stage is that the Tengku has gained in words all the essential of internal self government and that there will be no disposition in responsible quarters in London to take back what has been given."

### Goodwill

"The Tengku needs both the goodwill of Britain and a lot of practical help," the review continued.

"At the same time, he must convince the people of Malaya that his independence is genuine, and he must set in hand social and economic policies sufficiently attractive to make them feel that self-government under the Alliance Party is to be preferred to the rule of the Communists."

"Moreover, these tasks may well have to be tackled while

## Diphtheria Could Be Wiped Out

Geneva, Feb. 16.

Diphtheria might disappear completely as a killer if immunisation were carried out thoroughly, the World Health Organisation (WHO), said here.

It was estimated that in 1953 at least £70,000 sterling was spent in Europe on the medical care of 60,000 reported cases of diphtheria. Disease, disfigurement and death could have been prevented if a fraction of this amount had been spent on immunisation.

Owing to the development of effective immunising serum, deaths from diphtheria had decreased sharply since the beginning of the 19th century—China Mail Special.

## Crisis Averted?

Washington, Feb. 16.

Indications grew today that a threatening military crisis in Palestine had been postponed as a result of Israel consenting to delay unilateral diversion of the Jordan River waters.

Fears of such a crisis had been based on an earlier Israeli statement that canal digging in a demilitarised zone would be resumed in March or April and on the possibility that this would touch off a Syrian-Israeli fight into which Egypt could be drawn.—United Press.

## Ike's Reply

Moscow, Feb. 17.

President Eisenhower's reply to Soviet Premier Marshal Nikolai Bulganin's second letter, proposing a Soviet-American treaty of friendship, may be handed over next Monday or Tuesday, generally well-informed diplomatic sources said last night.—France-Press.

## Busy Building His Church



When he's not busy on parish work, the Rev. Vivian Symons is manhandling huge beams as part of the building of his church, in which he is taking an active part, on a new site at Biggin Hill, Kent. Beams and bricks for the church come from the bomb-damaged All-Saints Church in Peckham, London.—Reuterphoto.

## Japanese-American Friendship Pledge

New York, Feb. 16.

Mr Sadao Iguchi, retiring Japanese Ambassador to the United States, said today that "Japanese-American friendship is the cornerstone of Japanese foreign policy and no matter what government is elected, there will be no change in that."

Asked if he thought there was any possibility of Japan's being admitted to the United Nations this year, Mr Iguchi replied: "The chances are not so good this year because of the questions of Outer Mongolia and Red China."

## SETTLERS SLEEP AT HOME

Rabat, Feb. 16.

French settlers were returning to their farms near the town of Taza today after officials took strong security measures to safeguard them from terrorists, it was announced today.

The settlers never abandoned their farms completely, but some started spending the night in Taza earlier this month because of the terrorist threat, officials said. The bulk of these settlers now sleep on their farms, officials said. Meanwhile, it was announced that four civilians and a soldier have been killed by terrorists in the Ouba area this month.—France-Press.

## Gunman Couldn't Take It

Doin, Feb. 16.

A two-gun robber killed himself at Cochum after he had been chased and punched by an unarmed clerk.

The gunman had held up a cinema employee and taken \$4,500 marks (about £400) from a safe.

He was seen by the clerk from a nearby office who tackled him on the street, punched him on the face and chased him into a block of flats. After being knocked into a moving lift, the gunman shot himself dead as police arrived. He had a second revolver in his pocket.—China Mail Special.

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# More Disinflationary Measures Expected

By Sidney Campell

London, Feb. 16.

Today's higher bank rate was expected to be followed by other disinflationary moves—hire-purchase restrictions, cuts in capital expenditure by the nationalised industries (except only coal and atomics), cuts in government spending including many frills in the defence programme, and a new savings drive.

Any intention to reintroduce building licences or import restrictions has been authoritatively denied. The purpose of this denial was to avoid pointless forestalling which may have inflated January's imports.

## VOLCANO FOUND 'NOT GUILTY'

San Francisco, Feb. 16.

A University of California scientist reported here that the wrong volcano has been blamed for the 1912 Alaskan volcanic eruption—one of the most violent natural events the world has known.

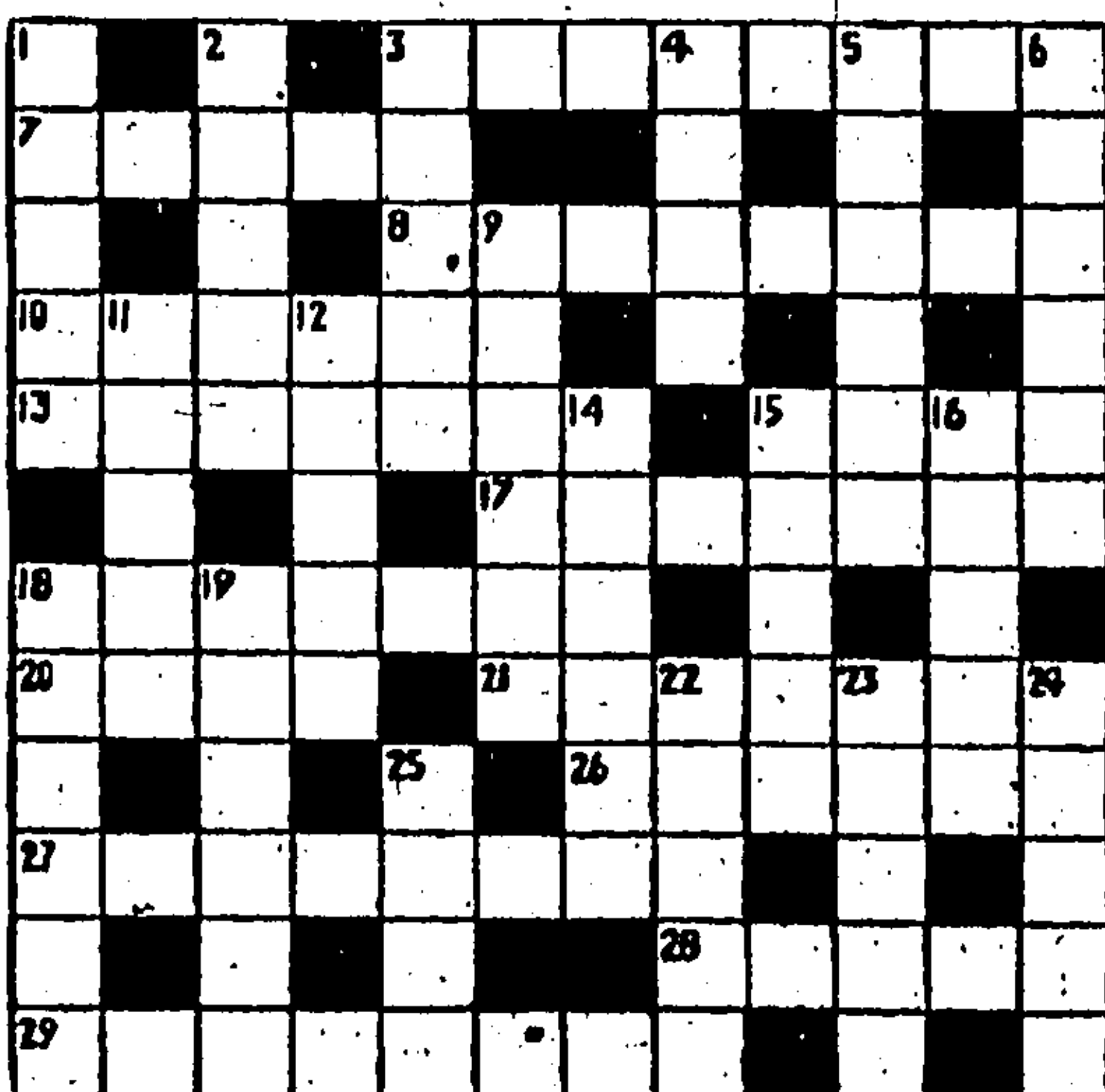
Not Mount Katmai, but another mountain volcano six miles away, Novarupta, contributed the most violence to the explosion, according to the scientist, Dr. G. H. Curtis, assistant professor of Geology. Both mountains erupted simultaneously, but Novarupta made a more violent contribution than Katmai.

### Four Years

Destruction was so great that scientists could not enter the area for four years. Then "The Valley of 10,000 Smokes" was discovered, with Katmai surrounded by thick layers of volcanic ash. The scientists assumed it was responsible for the explosion.

Dr. Curtis determined that Katmai was only a minor accomplice in the event by calculations based on the thickness of volcanic ash throughout the Valley of 10,000 Smokes. Contour lines based on his measurements formed incriminating rings around Novarupta—and none at all around Katmai.—China Mail Special.

## A British Crossword Puzzle



**ACROSS**  
3 Feeler (6).  
7 Snow hut (5).  
8 Molly-coddled (8).  
10 Numbies (6).  
12 Fight (7).  
13 Fish (4).  
17 Built (7).  
18 Put back (7).  
20 Unemployed (4).  
21 Batted (7).  
26 Offer (6).  
27 Enlarge (6).  
28 Slack (6).  
29 Expressive actions (8).

**DOWN**  
1 Flowering shrub (6).  
2 Free from dirt (5).  
3 Sun helmet (5).  
4 Specimen (4).  
5 Vegetable (6).  
6 Circulated (6).  
9 Avar (6).  
11 Uninterested (5).  
12 Condition (5).  
14 Negotiable (6).  
15 Regard with disdain (6).  
16 Assembly (6).  
18 Division of Yorkshire (6).  
19 Trousers (6).  
22 Stagers (5).  
23 Towelled (6).  
24 Towelled (6).  
25 Bill of fare (4).

**YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD**—Across: 1 Throat, 5 Dared, 8 Hivet, 9 Remains, 10 Folio, 11 Again, 12 Alias, 13 Cease, 16 Remains, 18 Tea-set, 20 Neat, 22 Kelp, 23 Slump, 25 Muffin, 26 Alaska, 27 Coric, 28 Weir, 29 Dawdle. Down: 1 Threaten, 2 Fernaria, 3 Arid, 4 Tingle, 5 Difficult, 6 Atomic, 7 Emile, 14 Assured, 15 Estimate, 16 Rallied, 17 Morned, 19 Easter, 21 Amuse, 24 Flee.

## Collective Leadership Favoured In Russia

Paris, Feb. 16.

**TOP** Soviet Communist Party officials, Anastas Mikoyan and Mikhail Suslov, spoke out in favour of collective leadership of the Party today at the party's 20th congress which is underway in Moscow, Tass news agency reported.

Mr. Mikoyan, who is Vice-Premier and a member of the Party Presidium, reiterated the statements made by Party Chief, Nikita Khrushchev last Tuesday that collective leadership was all important for the future of the party.

Mr. Suslov, a secretary of the party, said collective leadership is being set up at all levels of the party from the Central Committee to the local Communist cells.

### Vital Problems

This collective leadership is illustrated by the party's collective decisions on vital problems and by the stepping up of mutual criticism and self-criticism within the party, Mr. Suslov said.

Mr. Suslov, like other party leaders who have spoken thus far, lashed out at personal party leadership which prevailed before the last congress held in 1952.

Personal leadership violated Marxist-Leninist theory and did great harm to the party, Mr. Suslov said. He said the Soviet Union's fight for peace had helped to slacken world tension and had bolstered the forces of peace, democracy and socialism everywhere, Tass reported.

Meanwhile, the "Imperialist camp" has weakened, Mr. Suslov said. He said the French election held on January 2 demonstrated that "the force of peace have scored gains even in capitalist countries."—France-Press.

## S. AFRICA ENFORCES INDIAN BAN

Johannesburg, Feb. 16.

The South African Government today started enforcing its ban on the immigration of Indians into the Union.

The immigration authorities notified airlines, railways, shipping lines and bus companies that no Indians will be allowed into the country from now on except returning South African residents or bona fide tourists with the necessary visas.

Public carriers will be held responsible for the repatriation of their passengers. In case the ban is violated, the authorities said.

The ban applies to all Indian immigrants, including the wives of Indian residents in South Africa.—France-Press.

## Earth Tremor In Oklahoma

Oklahoma City, Feb. 16.

A brief earth tremor which rattled dishes was felt in homes here today.

The tremor, which came as a blast followed by a rumble and rolling vibration, also was felt at Edmond and Stillwater.

A number of Oklahoma City residents felt the vibration and some thought it was an explosion.

Early evening diners in the Beacon Club on the 33rd floor of the First National Bank Building said they heard a rumbling and it was as if the whole countryside was shaking.—United Press.

## Australian Envoy To Thailand

Canberra, Feb. 16.

The Australian Minister to Thailand Mr. D. O. Hay, has been appointed Ambassador, a move which follows the decision of the Australian and Thai governments to raise their diplomatic missions from legations to embassies.—Reuter.

## Enquiry Into UK Copper Exports To Soviet Bloc

Washington, Feb. 16.

Mr. Ronald Prain, British head of a leading Rhodesian copper mining group, appeared under subpoena today before the Senate Permanent Investigations Sub-committee and faced insistent questions on British exports of strategic copper to the Soviet bloc.

Mr. Prain, chairman of the board of the Rhodesian Selection Trusts, denied that any of the copper mined by his group found its way directly or indirectly to Communist countries.

He confirmed the committee's research evidence that Britain had exported about 74 million pounds of copper products to the Soviet bloc in the year 1954.

Mr. Prain said he had firm assurances from his British customers that none of them exported copper directly or indirectly to the Soviet bloc.

He was asked by the committee's counsel, Mr. Robert Kennedy, "Which British firms do export copper to Russia, then?"

### No Information

Mr. Prain replied: "I have no information."

Mr. Prain, who said his group was responsible for about one-

## Education Should Be Aimed At Making

London, Feb. 16.

A leading British research psychologist said here: Don't cram children with abstract mathematics—teach them to build simple radio sets.

Dr. N. H. Mackworth, head of applied psychology research at Cambridge University, explained in a lecture: "Education should be primarily aimed at making. Man is a maker before he is a thinker and most of the best thinking comes from trying to understand how and why things act as they do."

### Know The Use

"The child needs to know the use of what he learns. Teach him abstract mathematics and inconvertible ideas about gravity and gases and he is lost to learning for ever—but put a child old enough to have sufficient manual dexterity on to building his own transistor (simplified valveless receiving set) and he is ripe to learn how it works and why."

He was speaking at the Institution of Production Engineers.—China Mail Special.

## 39 Carnival Deaths

Rio de Janeiro, Feb. 16.

Rio's four-day pre-Lenten carnival resulted in 39 violent deaths, many of them murders. There were 114 cases of serious injury.—China Mail Special.

## Gandhi Commemoration Ceremony In Delhi



India's President, Dr. Prasad, and Premier Nehru left, are pictured taking part in the Khadi (spinning) ceremony during the recent ceremonies in Delhi commemorating the death of Mahatma Gandhi. Khadi, a symbol of India's economy, was preached by Gandhi. The anniversary of his death is now known as Gandhi Martyrdom Day.—Express Photo.

## 'TIMBER?'

Paris, Feb. 16.

A Russian lumberjack 7 feet two inches tall—he wears size 22 shoes—lowered above other members of the Soviet National Basketball team who arrived here by air.

The player, Ivan Krutynich, eats twice as much as a normal man and must sleep in a special bed, his trainer told reporters.

The two Russian teams (men and women) meet French teams in international matches here on Saturday.—China Mail Special.

## Sahara Battle

## Three Police And Bandit Chief Killed

Niamey, Feb. 16.

Three local police have been killed and three others wounded as a result of a brush with desert marauders in the southern Sahara Desert, it was reported in Niamey, French west Africa, today.

The robber chieftain, a convicted criminal, was also shot dead and his two companions arrested. The incident occurred when a motorized contingent of local police from Bilma, on a Sahara patrol, spotted the three desert robbers leading a train of 27 stolen camels.

In the ensuing fight, one Arab policeman and the gang chief, already condemned to death in absentia for murder and robbery—were shot dead and five of the policemen wounded.

Two of the police, who were flown into Niamey, died of their wounds in hospital this morning.—France-Press.

## WOMEN STRIKE OVER CAPS

Kalamazoo, Feb. 16.

A thousand women workers struck at a paper company here because they said the safety caps the firm ordered them to wear were not becoming. The men employees walked out in sympathy.

In response to a union appeal, 700 women went back to work later—wearing the caps. But 225 others struck out for beauty. They were sent home.—China Mail Special.

## 'Nightmare' Sickness Kills Seven

Manila, Feb. 16.

A "nightmare" sickness that has killed seven people in their sleep during the past 16 days was "fast becoming a grave public health problem," the Chief Medical Officer of the Manila Police Department said today.

Dr. Mariano B. Lara said the afflicted persons invariably "ran out of breath" in their sleep. So far, the victims of the malady have all been men. A college instructor, a lawyer,

students and labourers have died.

City health officer Mariano C. Lanasano said the disease, called "Bangkoang" in the Tagalog language, is typically Filipino in that all deaths reported so far have involved Filipinos.

### After February

He said the malady was first reported years ago on Hawaiian plantations where Filipino labourers were reported to have died at the same time.

## Indonesian Leaders Pro-Jap Quislings Says Senator

### CASEY APOLOGISES

Canberra, Feb. 16.

A 69-year-old Australian Senator attacked Indonesian leaders as "pro-Japanese Quislings" today, and External Affairs Minister R. G. Casey promptly apologised to the President of Indonesia.

Sen. George Rankin, Member of the Country Party from Victoria and a Major-General in World War I, touched off the dispute when he accused Indonesia of attempting to "thieve" West New Guinea.

He demanded from Mr. Casey a statement that would make clear the Australian government's attitude on West New Guinea (Irian). The island territory, held by the Dutch, is claimed by Indonesia.

### Broke Down

Dutch-Indonesian negotiations on West New Guinea and other mutual problems broke down in Geneva last week.

Mr. Casey issued a statement apologising to President Soekarno and the Indonesian government for Sen. Rankin's outburst.

"The remarks by Sen. Rankin, who is a private Member, about President Soekarno and the Indonesian government are a wholly unjustified and are repudiated by the Australian government in the strongest terms," the statement said.

### Taken An Interest

"I ask President Soekarno and his government to accept the profound regrets of the Australian government that such offensive and unjustified remarks were made."

Australia has taken an interest in the Dutch-Indonesian dispute over West New Guinea because, Australian administrators adjoining East New Guinea as a trust territory.

The President of the Australian Senate, Sen. Allister McMullin, said, "I consider Sen. Rankin's remarks not in order, and I rule that in future such questions must be expressed in terms of dignity and courtesy."

But Sen. Rankin was not subdued.

### No Apology

"I make no apology for what I said," he asserted later. "In fact, I am astounded at my moderation. I look upon the Indonesians as complete imposters who have no right or claim to West New Guinea. The Dutch people have every right to expect Australia to support them in their opposition to Indonesian claims."

"I make no apology to Soekarno in any shape or form. He is the man who sent a cable to the Emperor of Japan, congratulating him when the Japanese took Singapore. Soekarno is pro-Japanese all through."

Mr. Casey, replying in the House of Representatives to questions concerning the collapse of the Dutch-Indonesian negotiations, said the Australian government had received no official word that the union between Holland and Indonesia had ended.

He said Australia wanted to maintain the best possible relations with Indonesia, as shown by aid given to that country under the Colombo Plan.

He declined to elaborate on his talks last September in



R. G. Casey

Djakarta on the West New Guinea issue, but emphasised that the Australian attitude toward Indonesia's claims had not changed.

The Australian government opposed handing over the territory to Indonesia when the question was debated in the United Nations in 1954.

As for the Dutch-Indonesian dispute, Mr. Casey said it appeared to be a dialectic dispute.—United Press.

## Television For Armchair Police

Hamburg, Feb. 16.

Hamburg police are to experiment with a "television eye" to help regulate traffic.

A television camera overlooking a busy crossing will transmit the traffic scene to a screen in the police station, from where the red, amber and green lights will be remotely controlled. This system will be more effective than traffic lights which change at regular intervals regardless of the density of the traffic and will take the place of policemen on point duty.

The eventual aim is to control several inter-dependent crossings from the same police station. By pushing a button, the officer in charge will be able to put into operation one of five "programmes," or combinations of changing lights according to the traffic situation.—China Mail Special.

## WILD WOMAN AT WEDDING WIELDED WEAPON

Rome, Feb. 16.

As a bridegroom was about to say "I do" at a wedding in a church at Trento, a wild-eyed woman rushed up the aisle to the altar brandishing a revolver. The bridegroom fled into the vestry.

The ceremony was taking place in the Church of the Sanctuary of the Madonna, of the mountains outside Trento yesterday.

Police described the woman as a former fiancée of the bridegroom. She was intoxicated and screamed: "I want to kill him."

The bridegroom disappeared from the vestry and the ceremony continued.—China Mail Special.



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## The Eisenhower News Prompts The Query IS GOLF WORTH THE STRAIN?

By DR ARTHUR CHESBY

SO President Eisenhower has been ordered to give up golf. Excellent. I would go further and order EVERYONE — well, almost — to give it up.

The President has, of course, been advised to abandon the game because of his heart.

But it is my guess that his doctors are not concerned only with the physical strain. They are probably thinking too of the risk involved in the tension and the striving which afflict almost every golfer.

### I'M TEMPTED

THAT is why I would be tempted to close down every golf course and send golfers off for a long relaxing walk in the country. Because golf, as a relaxation, just doesn't work. It does much more harm than good.

There is nothing wrong with the game itself. It could be a fine exercise, a wonderful mental and physical relaxation (yes, even for some heart subjects).

But it hardly ever is. Golf is far more often a matter of fret and tension. Of false hopes and disappointment; of despair, frustration, and even rage.

If you think I exaggerate then ask a golfer. Ask me. I am one of the lunatics who play golf and, believe me, I know it all.

Even if I play well I worry about WHY I played well. What was it I did right this time that I didn't do last time? Can I do it right next time too?

If I play badly I suffer a feeling of shame and failure that is out of all proportion to the real state of affairs. And my only consolation is that every other golfer suffers exactly as I do.

The non-golfer will now ask: Why take the thing so seriously? Why not try taking it easy?

Intelligent questions, but only a non-golfer could ask them. They miss the whole point. The average golfer is precisely the man who can't take it easy.

### RELAX.....

HE is more often than not the high executive type, whose job demands big decisions and involves constant tension. For him a perfectionist, incessantly demanding the best of himself and it is this quality which has got him where he is.

But it is this too which may make him a bad golfer, or at any rate, a frustrated one. For as any golfer professional will tell you—as mine has been telling me for years—the whole secret of successful golf is the ability to relax.

The world needs its perfectionists. It needs the ones who are not content with "good enough". They would be healthier and happier without it. They have enough of tension from Monday to Friday. At week-ends they MUST relax, or sooner or later crack.

Of course most golfers are so besotted by the game that they will never believe they DON'T

relax. That is the sort of game it is. A drug, a false religion. But ask them to tell you honestly if they feel genuinely relaxed and refreshed after a game and most would have to admit they don't.

My serious advice as a doctor to every golfer is to do one of two things.

Give up the stupid game altogether and spend the week-ends really relaxing with long walks in the country.

Or make up your mind not to give a rap whether you hole out in one or miss the ball altogether. In short, try to develop that sense of humour which every true golfer lacks.

Why don't I practise what I preach? Well, I rather think I don't need to. I tried out a new grip last week and I fancy I'll find tomorrow that I have discovered really how to play the game.

## GREEK TRAGEDY?



Mr Lennox-Boyd, Colonial Secretary, told MPs the Government is prepared to take any necessary measures, including jamming, to combat propaganda broadcasts to Cyprus by Athens Radio.

## Uranium Strike!

## MICK'S LUCKY FIND

By Arthur Morley

Sydney  
THERE'S a long, sleek, dove-grey Packard limousine parked outside a tiny cottage at Mount Isa, in Queensland's Far West. It is one of the prettiest sights of the outback, these days. The owner is a young prospector named Mick Walton, still in his mid-twenties — one of the Dominion's new uranium-rich.

Mick drives this luxurious monster barfoot, his toes curved comfortably over the accelerator. He wears khaki shorts and singlet only as he sends the car scudding along the outback roads, sending up clouds of yellow-red dust....

Mick is the man behind the announced discovery of the Mount Isa uranium lodes — the Mary Kathleen mine. It is one of Britain's biggest post-war mining development projects overseas.

Rio Tinto will supply the treated ore to the British Atomic Energy Commission — and young Mick Walton seems certain to have his second Packard before long.

For Mary Kathleen is the lucky strike made by Mick and a group of local companions during the height of the Mount Isa uranium rush two years ago. It is every prospector's dream come true — a solid hill of uranium.

Luck played a big part in the find. Walton and five companions from Mount Isa detected radioactivity in some smooth stones in a creek bed. They followed the creek up into the hills to find the source of the stones — and stumbled upon the radioactive hill that they named Mary Kathleen.

### Big Investment

They sold part interest in Mary Kathleen to an Australian mining concern, Australian Oil Explorations Ltd. Then the British concern, Rio Tinto, bought controlling interest and began painstaking tests to "prove" the extent of the deposit.

Last week, it was officially announced that the tests were successful. Mary Kathleen is one of the biggest deposits of uranium in the Commonwealth.

Rio Tinto is to supply £10 million of British capital to build a refinery to treat the ore and reduce it for shipment to Britain.

# BUDDHISM UNDER THE SOVIET HEEL

By WALTER KOLARZ

THE Soviet leaders Krushchev and Bulganin were, at the end of last year, guests of a country where Buddhism is the official religion. Their hosts, the principal members of the Burmese Government, including of course Premier U Nu, are themselves devout Buddhists.

At every stage of their sight-seeing tour through the Union of Burma the Soviet leaders were given the opportunity to admire the great monuments of Buddhist art, the shrines and pagodas of the Burmese people.

### World of ideas

While they no doubt absorbed visually all that is tangible in the Buddhist religion, one can hardly expect the Russian visitors to have acquainted themselves with Buddhist religious thought.

Buddhism urges man to fight the evils within himself by cleansing his own heart. It believes in the development of the inner spiritual faculties of the individual by inward concentration and meditation, and it abhors selfishness and hatred, including class hatred.

This is a world of ideas which is likely to have remained hidden to the Soviet politicians on their journey through Burma; it is a world alien to Communism.

More than that, Soviet Communism has for many years conducted a merciless struggle against the external manifestations of Buddhism, both in the USSR itself and in the Mongol People's Republic, the Soviet satellite country in Asia.

The wrongs which the Soviet Communists have committed against the Buddhist community in Russia have now

caught up with them. In the 1930s, when the Soviet police closed and destroyed Buddhist monasteries and arrested and executed lamas, there was nobody to take up with any success the cause of the persecuted Buddhists of the Soviet Union. In fact, the Buddhists were so utterly defenceless that they suffered even more than the other religious groups of the USSR.

But now that there are independent Buddhist countries in Asia with which Russia wants to have friendly relations, the situation is different, and the Soviet Communists must be prepared to listen to the awkward question: "What have you done with the Buddhists under your rule?"

During Premier U Nu's stay in Moscow it was felt that the question required some sort of answer. The head of the Buddhist community in Soviet Russia, the "Pandita Hambu Lama" as he is called, was rushed to Moscow to meet the Burmese guest and so to serve as a living proof of the religious tolerance existing in the USSR.

### Vague terms

Whilst staying in the Soviet capital the Pandita Hambu Lama — necessary to his secular name — also made a statement which, in rather vague and general terms, referred to the existence of Buddhist congregations, temples and lamas on Soviet territory. Unfortunately, Chief Lama failed to give any statistical details from which one might have gleaned a real picture about the present situation of Buddhism in the Soviet Union.

There are only three peoples in the Soviet Union who are followers of the Buddhist religion — the Kalmyks, the Tuvinians and the Buryats — and to all three the Soviet Government has meted out exceptionally harsh treatment.

The Kalmyks, who used to live in the steppe southwest of the Volga Delta, were deprived of their autonomy in 1943 and deported to Siberia. The Tuvinians, who during the inter-war period had a quasi-independent republic of their own, were annexed by Soviet Russia in 1944. They now form an Autonomous Province which belongs to the Russian Federation.

### Liquidated

Only the Buryats of Eastern Siberia have still an "Autonomous Republic." However, it is much smaller now than it was originally, for in 1937 parts of Buryatia were incorporated into the Russian provinces of Irkutsk and Chita. But much graver than the dismemberment of their national territory was the religious oppression to which the Buryats have been exposed under the Soviet regime.

### Red target

Soviet Russia is now endeavouring to promote a pro-Soviet mood in the non-Communist Asian countries. Burma, where Buddhism is the faith professed by the great majority of the population, is one of its targets. To achieve its purpose Soviet propaganda must draw up an idealised picture of conditions in Russia and, in particular, of the Communist attitude towards the religions of Asia.

But facts remain facts, and the persecution of Buddhism in Soviet and Mongolian lands inscribed in the black record of the Communist regime. It forms part of that moral cleavage which separates the Soviet Communist guests from their Burmese Buddhist hosts.

Before the October Revolution there were as many as 27 Buddhist monasteries in the Buryat-Buryat speaking areas. Several were important educational institutions, to which the intellectual development of the Buryat people owes a great debt.

The liquidation of the Buddhist monasteries started in 1929 and was completed in 1937. The Soviet authorities showed no respect for the artistic treasures which the monasteries contained, and most of them were destroyed without regard to their value.

At the time of the great purge many former lamas were put on trial as Japanese "agents" and "spies." This charge of treacherous collaboration with Japan was made even against Buryat lamas who lived far removed from any possible contact with the Japanese, for instance those attached to the small Buddhist temple in Leningrad. In 1937, all of them were arrested and most of them executed.

### Greatest blow

But the greatest blow inflicted on Soviet Buddhism was the arrest of the head of the Buddhist community of Soviet Russia, Agvan Dorzhiev, a most learned man who enjoyed great prestige among his people. Agvan Dorzhiev died in a prison in Ulan Ude (Buryatia). He was the immediate predecessor of the Chief Lama Darnayev, who a few weeks ago met the Burmese Premier in Moscow and made the recent optimistic but meaningless statement about the survival of Buddhism in the USSR.

In the Soviet-controlled Mongol People's Republic, where the Buddhist monasteries wielded considerable political power, the persecution of the lamas assumed even greater proportions than in Russia. For instance, in 1938, there was a mass trial in Ulan Bator, the Mongol capital, involving over 100 high lamas of 17 monasteries.

Further trials in 1937 and 1938 led to the victimisation of altogether 2,000 lamas of 49 monasteries, or rather, former

## THE OTHER SIDE OF THE ANTARCTIC

By J. C. Graham

Auckland, N.Z.

THE great British adventure in making the first crossing of the Antarctic continent depends on work from both ends. After the British party passes the South Pole, it will depend on fuel and food depots and route marking by a New Zealand party working from McMurdo Sound, the finishing point of the journey.

The New Zealanders have been hard at work during the summer on their part of the preparations.

A New Zealand party went to McMurdo Sound with the American expedition that has been there for the past few weeks. They lost no time in searching for a base site which could be reached by sea but which was also well placed for the British explorers arriving after their arduous journey.

Travelling the hard way on foot, and carrying sledges with 400 pounds of equipment, a three-man party set out round the shores of McMurdo Sound under the leadership of Dr

Trevor Hatherton. In five days they covered 95 miles.

Fortunately, weather conditions were good (for the Antarctic) and the ice variable. They visited Hut Point, site of Captain Scott's hut, and a number of other localities which have been mentioned as likely sites for the base.

Their survey has given an excellent idea of the advantages and disadvantages of all the likely points for Scott Base, as the New Zealand headquarters will be named. The expedition planners will now be able to make a decision based on an up-to-date and detailed inspection.

After this survey, a longer and still more tiring journey was undertaken, and a party consisting of Dr Hatherton, Lieut-Commander W. J. Smith and Mr B. M. Gunn, made the first ascent of the Ferrar Glacier since Captain Scott's last expedition.

It was a 10-day journey to explore a possible route for the British expedition when it approaches from the other side of the continent. A way through

the mountains bordering on McMurdo Sound is essential.

Not only must stores be transported up on to the polar plateau, but also a route must be found for bringing the British party's vehicles down to McMurdo Sound to complete their journey.

The New Zealand explorers found the going tough on the iron-hard ice surface of the glacier, and seven sets of crampons were broken in negotiating the climb.

They found the glacier free from crevasses on its lower levels, but the upper 20 miles of the huge ice river had a broken surface. They believe, however, that they can mark out a route to get suitably tracked vehicles up and down.

Their report on the requirements necessary to get vehicles through this difficult section is likely to have an effect on the design of equipment used for the journey.

The advance party's work in the Antarctic this year will enable a rapid start to be made in the next summer in getting a base built and in pushing ahead with the major job of transporting supplies of depots along the route to the South Pole.

"Cornflakes  
taste so much better with  
brown sugar on, Mummy"



It makes all  
the difference

TAIKOO  
SOFT-BROWN  
SUGAR







## SPORTING SAM

By Reg. Wootton



# Tomorrow's Chances At The Valley

By "RAPIER"

The Hongkong Jockey Club's Seventh Race Meeting of the 1955/56 season starts tomorrow and will be held over two consecutive Saturday afternoons. There will be 10 races each day instead of nine races; the First Saddling Bell will be rung at 1 p.m. and an additional race (1A) will be run at 1.30 p.m. There will be no cash sweep on these additional races.

The most important event tomorrow is the Hyde Park Handicap for Class 1 ponies. Here are my estimates of the chances:

## RACE 1A

(Hyde Park Handicap (First Section); From 1 1/4 Mile Post.)

The opening event is confined to Class 7 ponies. A personal of the entries would seem to indicate that the following should be prominent: Brivisto (A. Travet), Mainail II (Andrew Lam), Orange Beauty (Edwin Mok) and Sky Horse (Albert Lam). Brivisto should have no difficulty in winning. This pony was officially fourth in the Southern Handicap over 1 1/4 miles at the last meeting, but in view of the opposition tomorrow it should not be fully extended, except perhaps by Mainail II.

## Combined Schools Cricket Team

The following have been selected to represent the Combined Schools XI against the "Chopsticks" at KCC on Wednesday, Feb. 22 and against the Kowloon Cricket Club on Sunday, Feb. 26. J. Shroff (KGV), J. Hung (DBS), J. Baskin (KGV), R. Lalchandani (N.M.C.), I. Kitchell (St. Joseph's), J. Kaiser (DBS), I. Johnston (St. George's), D. Robb (KGV), A. Nam-jahn (St. Joseph's), M. Randall (DBS), P. Groves (KGV), 12th man: D. Horley (KGV).

## Whitlock Not Ready To Meet Moore Yet

San Francisco, Feb. 16. Archie Moore, World Light-Heavyweight Boxing Champion, will have to look for another opponent if he intends going through with his proposed fight in San Diego on February 27. Joe Carlo, manager of Heavyweight Dave Whitlock, said today he would not match his boxer against Moore. "The kid isn't ready," he said. "Whitlock is not going to box Moore now," added Carlo. "I don't think the kid is good enough and he has a cut eye from a recent bout. It takes time for a cut to heal, and it won't be healed by February 27."

Moore signed to meet Whitlock yesterday. The bout was scheduled to take place four days after Moore's reported date of arrival in London to start training in defence of his world title against Yolande Pompey (Trinidad) on March 13. Reuter.

## MOORE'S SUGGESTION

San Francisco, Feb. 16. Archie Moore, World Light-Heavyweight Champion, today put off until next Tuesday his final decision as to whether he would defend his title in London on March 13 against Yolande Pompey, of Trinidad.

In a half-hour phone call with Promoter Jack Solomon in London, Moore suggested that he should fight British Heavyweight Champion Don Cockell on March 13 and stay on in London to fight Pompey in June. Mr. Solomon turned down the suggestion.

Moore thought a June title fight against Pompey would attract a half-million-dollar gate. Earlier last week Moore said he would insist on an American referee or a British referee of his choice handling his London bout.

Moore told Mr. Solomon he was "having a bit of difficulty in reducing to the 175 pounds division limit, but gave an assurance he could make the weight."

It was agreed that Moore and Mr. Solomon should have another talk next Tuesday after Moore's non-title fight on Monday against Howard King of Nevada—China Mail Special.

For the third position a good tussle should ensue between Orange Beauty and Sky Horse.

## RACE 1

(Beverly Handicap (Second Section); From 1 1/4 Mile Post.)

The Class 7 ponies are confined to Class 7 ponies and punters will not have to look far for the winner. After its easy win in the Northern Handicap (First Section) over the mile at the last meeting with D. Benson up it is only natural to expect that Jeremia P. (A. Ostroff) will be made firm favourite and it should not disappoint. There is, of course, just a possibility that Flying Dutchman (H. H. Chan) may cause an upset, provided it does not suffer from a bad start.

## RACE 2

(Customs Handicap (First Section); 1 1/4 Miles.)

This race will be decided by the First Section of Class 9 ponies. Among the ponies entered the following are undoubtedly the best: Gay Sire (H. M. Botelho), Senorita (Allan Chan), Henrietta (K. Kwok) and Probability (K. F. Chiu). I recommend Gay Sire, on account of its win in the Encouragement Handicap (Second Section) over the mile at the Annual Race Meeting to win against this lot of runners. Regarding the second position it is difficult to say whether Senorita will account for Henrietta. These two should provide an interesting duel, however, with Senorita as my fancy.

## RACE 3

(Customs Handicap (Second Section); 1 1/4 Miles.)

The Second Section of Class 9 ponies will gather together for this event and it looks as if the finish will be fought out between four ponies only. Tumbleweed (Starr Liu) should fill second place. For the third position I think Trade Wind (H. H. Chan) is the choice, but I recommend keeping an eye on V. I. P. (Alex Lam).

## RACE 4

(Hyde Park Handicap: From 1 1/4 Mile Post.)

Looking over the entries for this event I don't think there

## Sports Diary

### TODAY

HKASA Annual Meeting at Club Lantau, 5.30 p.m. HKORA Athletic Meeting at Boundary Street. FAIRFAX Boxing Championship, semi-final. Basketball CAS Charity Basketball at Southern Playground, 7 p.m.

### TOMORROW

1st Division: Army "South" v "Optimists"; "Geoponics" v "Reveries"; 2nd Division: Army "North" v "Police"; RAF v "IRC". 3rd Division: University "New" v Army "South"; "Reveries" v "New". Army "North" v RAF; "IRC" v "Wasp".

### Rugby

Police v RAF at Kai Tak, 3 p.m.; Navy v Club, Army Ground, Boundary Street; Army "South" v Army "North"; Boundary Street.

### 1st Division: Soccer

St. Joseph's v Club (Navy); Kwong Wah v Navy (DBS). All matches at 4 p.m. 2nd Division: Kitchener v Club (Navy); Kwong Wah v Navy (DBS). All matches at 4 p.m. 3rd Division: Kitchener v Club (Navy); Kwong Wah v Navy (DBS). All matches at 4 p.m.

### 4th Division: Soccer

St. Joseph's v Club (Navy); Kwong Wah v Navy (DBS). All matches at 4 p.m. 5th Division: Kitchener v Club (Navy); Kwong Wah v Navy (DBS). All matches at 4 p.m.

### 6th Division: Soccer

St. Joseph's v Club (Navy); Kwong Wah v Navy (DBS). All matches at 4 p.m. 7th Division: Kitchener v Club (Navy); Kwong Wah v Navy (DBS). All matches at 4 p.m.

### 8th Division: Soccer

St. Joseph's v Club (Navy); Kwong Wah v Navy (DBS). All matches at 4 p.m.

is much doubt that Charleol (C. L. Liu) will win, unless something out of the ordinary happens.

## RACE 5

(Pointwell Park Handicap: 1 1/4 Miles.)

In this race for Class 4 ponies the likely winner should come from among Helicon (K. Kwok), Treasureland (M. Samarcq), Infield (A. Travet) and Old Tyre (W. K. Shieh). Helicon came in third in the Sports Club Cup over this distance at the last meeting with it, Tsai up and on that run fancy it to win. Treasureland is dangerous and should not be disregarded. Infield, which was fourth in the above race against Helicon the last time out, may be worth while following for a place. For those looking for an outsider, I suggest Old Tyre.

## RACE 6

(Pineapple Pass Handicap (First Section); One Mile.)

This race will be contested by Class 8 ponies. Blonzie (M. Samarcq) has been knocking at the door of success for a long time. It was placed second at the last meeting, but provided Samarcq can get it off to a good start tomorrow, it may win. Atomic Caesar (Starr Liu) is the next pony to consider although it failed to gain a place the last time out. Invincible (Andrew Lam) is good over this distance and can be depended upon to make a fight of it. Hawatha (A. Ostroff) has improved a great deal in its morning gallops and is also quite a danger here.

## RACE 7

(Beverly Handicap (Third Section); From 1 1/4 Mile Post.)

This is another sprint affair for the Third Section of Class 7 ponies. In spite of its defeat at the Annual Race Meeting, I fancy the chances of Emperor Delight (C. F. Ng), as this pony is fast over this distance. Pegasus (C. L. Liu) looks dangerous and Cover Girl (Starr Liu) may yet spring a surprise as this pony is undoubtedly good. As an outsider I recommend Sultan (W. Williamson).

## RACE 8

(Pineapple Pass (Second Section); One Mile.)

From a perusal of the entries in this race, reserved for the second lot of Class 8 ponies, it appears that Conditia (K. Kwok) has the best recommendation for a win here. The pony to watch, however, is Snowy, which will again be taken out by C. L. Liu. It has been showing improved form lately and it will give Vendetta a keen fight to the end.

## RACE 9

(Matters Park Handicap: Six Furlongs.)

This is the final event of the first day, which Class 4 ponies will settle the argument. Fidda, ridden by A. Ontrou-moff, came second in the Sports Club Cup, carrying 144 lbs., at the last meeting for Class 3 ponies. It will be taken out by the same jockey tomorrow afternoon, and with the weight up by 2 lbs., I consider its prospects of scoring a win here rather bright. Beautiful Lie (Chau Foo) is not bad over this distance and can be depended on to give the above pony a good run for the first position. Beautiful Phoenix (H. K. Hung) certainly looks dangerous and may cause an upset. Kentucky Lady (C. F. Ng) is another pony to bear in mind. As it will be carrying 138 lbs., it should not be ignored.

## LOOKING AT SPORT

# ALEC STOCK CAN BRING GLORY BACK TO ARSENAL

Says DENNIS HART

The Arsenal story, the greatest story of them all, started with Herbert Chapman.

George Allison followed, then came Tom Whittaker. Now Highbury's marbled halls welcome the latest in line of succession—Alec Stock. His job: to bring about an Arsenal revival.

It's as simple as that. Alec Stock, at 37 one of the youngest managers in football, has the game's biggest job. There's no question of him building a pretty good side. It has to be really good.

For Chapman set a new level of standards with his fabulous side of the thirties. In nine years they won the League Championship five times, were second once, third another time. The lowest position they dropped to was sixth. And that year they won the FA Cup. Another Cup win and a runners-up medal completed a success story which made Arsenal a household word in every language.

Now they are paying for that success. Since the war Arsenal have done well. They have won the League twice, the Cup once, something no other club has done. Their post-war total of points is beaten only by Manchester United.

Yet they have been written off as has-beens. For Arsenal means one thing in soccer—the best. Anything short of that is failure.

That is why—Alec Stock, of the keen eyes and clear-cut features, takes up the Highbury reins.

## A ONE-MAN JOB

Running Arsenal had become more than a one-man job, even with assistants. An entirely new post had to be created and filled. Now it has, with the appointment of Stock as team manager.

His sole responsibility will be the team, its training, its tactics and its wants.

What sort of man is Stock? Born in Somerset, he is the son of a Charlton groundsman. He captained his school at rugby. At 18 he turned to soccer, signed for Charlton, moved on to Queen's Park Rangers. Then came the war.

Back in Somerset in 1946 he came on advertising for the position of player-manager of Yeovil Town, an obscure Non-League side. He answered it, and was chosen from 60 applicants.

Three years later that same Yeovil town was headline news. A sensational Cup-run took them to the fifth round with Bury and Sunderland beaten on the way.

That year Stock went to Orient, the "Cinderella club" of soccer struggling at the foot of the Third Division.

## PROMOTION HUNT

Now they are well in the promotion hunt. Stock discovered players like Vic Groves and Stan Charlton—recently transferred to Arsenal for £20,000. He leaves behind him at Leyton other discoveries like Ron Heekman, for whom Wolves would willingly exchange £20,000, Phil Woosnam and Ken Fapey.

That is Alec Stock, star-maker, team-builder and, above all, a fighter. "It is because he is a fighter that he has gone to Arsenal. Money? He could have earned more by staying at Leyton. But Harry Zussman offered him £80 per week and a ten-year contract. And he couldn't get a happier atmosphere than at Orient. The club is known as soccer's happy family."

But there are other things. Says Alec: "The Arsenal job is a challenge. It's a man's job."

"Can I do it? Am I big enough? Who could resist a challenge to achieve the highest pinnacle of his profession?" Is Stock big enough?

I think he is. He starts with one big advantage—his mind works along Arsenal lines. They have never gone in for frills at Highbury. They have always reckoned that one long pass can do the work of three short ones—and do it better.

## SOCCER PHILOSOPHY

And it was only the other day, in the board room tucked under the cosy Leyton Stand, that Stock was outlining his soccer philosophy to me.

"It's not goals that win matches. It's not against good football, but it must have something definite in view. Same with the players. Every forward should go on to the field determined to score. Not that I discourage team-work; indeed, that is the way to more goals."

"It is just that I don't want players to develop the 'what a good boy am I' attitude because their pass led up to the move which made a goal."

So speaks the man who put Yeovil in the headlines, who put Leyton on the map and who can put Arsenal on top of the world.

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ALEC STOCK

# Tough Policy Could Pay With Ontray

By RICHARD BAERLEIN

Captain Lionel Scott Briggs has devoted a large part of his life to attempting to win the Grand National. During this time he has developed certain theories about what should be done and should not be done with a prospective Aintree candidate.

From the moment he bought Ontray as a yearling in Ireland the horse has been brought along gradually in accordance with this owner-trainer's carefully developed routine.

Twice already Scott Briggs has got within an ace of realising his life's ambition, for in 1939 his seven-year-old MacMoffat was beaten by three lengths by Wendenham, and the following year MacMoffat was beaten by four lengths by Boggy.

Ontray jumps well and stays well and certainly appears a reasonable proposition for a place. He ran in the Grand National last year with 10 lb. and finished fifth of 30 to Quare Times. In the 1954 National (10-8) he finished ninth of 29 to Royal Tan. Mr R. Brewis rode in both races, but N. Wilkinson has the mount this year with 10-0.

Ontray ran in the Grand Section Chase (2m. 7 1/2 f.) in 1955 with 10-5, but fell at the 10th fence. His full record last season: 0 2 3 0 0 2 0.

Ontray's performances so far this season: 3 0 2 0 0 2 0 3.

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These facts suggest that there must be something behind the captain's teaching, for he has been intelligent enough to "kick" the amateur riders who have played the chief part in his schooling and racing before this season.

Ontray has not yet justified early promise. He is a lazy horse and it is possible that he has been intelligent enough to "kick" the amateur riders who have played the chief part in his schooling and racing before this season.

Scott Briggs thought sterner treatment was required—and a professional jockey. George Brock was given the mount on Ontray for the Christmas Cracker Handicap Chase at the Liverpool December meeting.

Ontray was not very impressive that day, but the partnership probably required more experience of each other.

This proved impossible, for shortly afterwards Black had an accident which has put him out for the season.

Ontray continued to be ridden by professional jockeys in his next three races, and last time out Dick Curran landed him in third place in the Lancashire Handicap Chase with Willie Child. Goswami, Look On, Kilnabrey and Triple-patte behind.

I should have liked to have seen Curran ride him again at Aintree, for there are not many better riders over his course. Curran is booked for Gigolo, on whom he finished fourth last season.

When Ontray ran fifth in last year's National, he carried 11 lb. overweight. Just what that means in terms of length can't be estimated but over four

and a half miles it must be considerable. This time he will carry his correct weight of 10 lb. He meets Quare Times on 20 lb. better terms and all last year's runners will be at a considerable disadvantage with him on actual running weights.

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## COLONY TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

# Ip And Tsai Partnership Splits Up

Entries for the Colony Grasscourt Tennis Championships which commence on Monday, February 20, revealed two surprises in the doubles tourney. The old and powerful combination of Ip Koon-hung and Edwin Tsai has broken up. Ip pairs with South China clubmate Fung Moon while Tsai teams up with Tony Liang.

The partnership of Ho Cheung-po and Ng Man-cheung, the Schoolboy Champions, has also been divided.

Ho Cheung-po will play alongside Norman Lo, while Ng Man-cheung will team with Choy Tin-kin. Either of these teams can cause big upsets in the tournament.

There are 34 entries for the singles competition and 32 pairs in the doubles.

Ip, Edwin Tsai, V. T. Wang, Tsai Wai-pul, A. S. Augestad, Norman Lo, Ng Man-cheung and Ho Cheung-po have been seeded in the singles.

The combination of Ip and Fung Moon heads the doubles seedings. Then come Edwin Tsai and Tony Liang, the Tsai brothers Wai-pul and Yan-pul, who are both seeded, and Choy Tin-kin, Ng Man-cheung and Choy Tin-kin, Ng Man-cheung and Choy Tin-kin, Ng Man-cheung and Choy Tin-kin.

The tournament starts on Monday, February 20, when eight singles games will be played off. Play commences at 5.30 p.m. on each day.

## THE DRAW

Seeding: Ip Koon-hung, Edwin Tsai, V. T. Wang, Tsai Wai-pul, A. S. Augestad, Norman Lo, Ho Cheung-po and Ng Man-cheung. First Round: C. Ng v A. Hopkins; V. T. Wang v N. Lo; A. W. N. Rainer v F. Ling; S. W. K. Chung v V. C. Kung; Li v R. M. Macpherson; A. F. M. O'Leary v M. Lo.

## Tuesday, February 21

Singles: 1. Edwin Tsai v E. C. K. Chan; 2. A. C. Willet v W. F. Tsai; 3. V. T. Wang v N. B. Wong; 4. M. J. O'Brien v L. H. Tanner; 5. C. P. Ho v V. F. Ma; 6. H. P. Ho v R. E. Dwyer; 7. M. Fung v H. A. Van Dyck.

## Wednesday, February 22

Singles: 1. w/o Ho and Hopkins v P. S. Ng; 2. w/o T. K. Choy and N. Lo v C. Chan. Doubles: 3. Ip and Fung Moon v Au and Mol; 4. Ho and Wong v Choy and Weir; 5. Faller and Dabner v Lo and Hopkins; 6. Lee and Tong v Chou and Tsai.

## Austrian Pair

# Win World Figure Skating Title

Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany, Feb. 16.

The Austrian pair figure skaters, Slazy Schwarz and Kurt Oppelt, tonight narrowly defeated the defending champions, Frances Dafoe and Norris Bowden of Canada, to win the 1956 world title.

As in the Winter Olympics two weeks ago, the Austrians defeated the Canadians by the narrowest of margins—five against four first-placings awarded by the nine-member jury. But the crowd of 8,000 jamming the Hitler-built Olympic ice stadium did not agree. Led by a strong contingent of US servicemen on holiday here, it booted the verdict for more than two minutes.

Schwarz and Oppelt, both students from Vienna, received a placing figure of 14 and 11.36 points. The Canadian pair was credited with 16 and 11.33 points. The youthful German team of 12-year-old Marika Kallus and 16-year-old Franz Ningel was third with placing figure of 30 and 10.91 points.

United Press.

## THE GAMBOLS

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### THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION

Ordinary Yearly General  
Meeting

NOTICE IS HEREBY  
GIVEN that the Ordinary  
Yearly General Meeting of  
the Shareholders of the Cor-  
poration will be held at the  
Head Office of the Corpora-  
tion, 1 Queen's Road, Central,  
Hong Kong, on Friday, the  
16th day of March, 1956, at  
Noon for the purpose of  
receiving and considering the  
reports of the Directors and  
of the Auditors and the  
Profit and Loss Account and  
Balance Sheet for the year  
ended 31st December, 1955,  
and for the election of Directors  
and fixing their remuneration  
and the appointment of Auditors.

THE REGISTER OF  
SHARES of the Corporation  
will be closed from Friday,  
the 2nd of March to Friday,  
the 16th of March, 1956,  
(both days inclusive) during  
which period no transfer of  
shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board,  
MICHAEL W. TURNER,  
Chief Manager.

## NOTICE

### THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED.

Notice to Shareholders

NOTICE IS HEREBY  
GIVEN that the Sixty-Third  
Annual General Meeting of  
the Members of the Company  
will be held on Thursday, the  
15th day of March, 1956, at  
11 a.m. at the Company's  
Registered Office, 4th Floor,  
P. & O. Building, for the  
transaction of the business of  
an Ordinary General Meeting  
including the following:—

- (1) To receive and consider  
the Reports of the Direc-  
tors and of the Auditors,  
and the Profit and Loss  
Account for the year  
ended 31st December  
1955, and the Balance  
Sheet as at that date.
- (2) To approve the Dividend.
- (3) To elect Directors.
- (4) To appoint Auditors.

The Register of Members  
will be closed from Friday,  
the 2nd of March, to Thursday,  
the 15th of March, 1956, both  
days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,  
F. H. FELL,  
Secretary.

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

### "PELUS"

Damaged cargo ex this vessel will  
be surveyed by Messrs Paulsen &  
Paye-Davy at 10.15 a.m. on Friday, 20th Feb., 1956,  
and consignees are requested to  
have their representatives present  
during the survey.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,  
Agents.

Hongkong, February 17, 1956.

## THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED

### Notice to Shareholders

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Members of the Company will be held at the Company's Registered Office, P. & O. Building, 4th Floor, Hong Kong, at 11.15 o'clock in the forenoon of the 15th day of March 1956 (or as soon thereafter as the business of the Sixty-third Annual General Meeting of the Company shall be concluded) for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing the following Resolution as a Special Resolution:—

"That the authorised Capital of the Company be increased from its present Capital of \$50,000,000 divided into 5,000,000 shares of \$10 each to \$100,000,000 by the creation of 5,000,000 additional shares of \$10 each."

AND NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing the following Resolutions as Ordinary Resolutions:—

1. "That it is desirable to capitalise a sum of \$5,000,000 being part of the General Reserve Account and that accordingly a special capital bonus of \$5,000,000 free of income tax be declared and that such bonus be applied on behalf of the persons who on the 15th day of March 1956 are holders of the 3,500,000 fully paid-up issued shares of the Company in payment in full for 500,000 new shares of the Company of \$10 each, and that such 500,000 new shares credited as fully paid be accordingly allotted to such persons respectively in the proportion of one such new share for every complete seven of the said issued shares then held by such persons respectively, and that the shares so allotted shall be treated for all purposes as an increase of the nominal amount of the capital of the Company held by each shareholder and not as income, and further that such new shares shall as from the 1st day of July 1956 rank for dividend and in all other respects PARI PASSU with the already issued shares."

"If any member would be entitled to a fractional share the Directors in lieu of issuing fractional share certificates will cause the whole share to be issued to a person or persons to be named by the Directors and such share shall at such time as the Directors think fit be sold and the net proceeds distributed among the persons entitled to the fractions making up such share."

2. "That in accordance with Article 11 of the Articles of Association of the Company there shall be offered to members who on the 15th day of March 1956 are the registered holders of the 3,500,000 fully paid-up issued shares of the Company 1,000,000 shares of the Company of the nominal value of \$10 each at par (such nominal value being payable in full upon application on or before the 1st day of July 1956) so that each member of the Company or his approved nominee shall be entitled to apply for and take up two new shares for every complete issued seven shares then held by such member. The shares so offered shall rank for dividend as from the 1st day of July 1956 and in all other respects PARI PASSU with the already issued shares."

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"The Directors will dispose of any shares offered to members in the event of non-payment thereof by members or their approved nominees on or before the 1st day of July 1956 at such time or times in such manner and upon such terms and conditions as they may decide."

It is most important that any persons who have purchased shares in the Company but are not on the Register in respect thereof should, if they wish to take advantage of the offer, present their transfers for registration accompanied by the requisite share certificates on or before the 1st day of March 1956.

The offer will be made by notice sent by post to each shareholder specifying the number of shares to which each shareholder is entitled and such offer, if not accepted either on behalf of such member or his nominee on or before the 1st day of July 1956 will be deemed to be declined.

AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Register of Members will be closed from Friday, the 2nd of March, to Thursday, the 15th of March, 1956, both days inclusive.

Dated Hong Kong, this 17th day of February 1956.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
F. H. FELL,  
Secretary.

# Large Aquamarine Spotlights Brazilian Industry

By Haig Nicholson

Rio de Janeiro, Feb. 16.

News of the discovery of what is claimed to be the biggest aquamarine in the world in Brazil recently attracted new attention to the country's prosperous, coloured gemstone industry.

The aquamarine weighed 61 kilogrammes (over 134 lbs), but experts like Hans Stern who, at the age of 16, left Hitler's Germany for Brazil, and now, at 33, is probably the biggest coloured gemstone dealer in the world, asserted that its importance lay rather in its size than in its quality.



An Egyptian State Tourist office was opened last week in London's Piccadilly by Mr. Hishad Murad of the Egyptian Tourist Administration. Mr. Murad is pictured standing in front of the entrance, while visitors throng the inside of the office. — Express Photo.

## US Tanks For Saudi Arabia

Washington, Feb. 16.  
The United States is to deliver 18 light Walter Bulldog tanks to Saudi Arabia, the State Department announced today.

A State Department spokesman said the 18 tanks had been loaded on board the freighter James Monroe, which is due to weigh anchor in New York on Friday for the port of Dammam (Saudi Arabia).

Walter Bulldog tanks are light reconnaissance vehicles. Also known as "M-41", they weigh 23 tons. — France-Press.

## HALF SHEEP, HALF GOAT

Wellington, Feb. 16.  
A strange animal, half sheep and half goat, has been discovered on a farm in the Awakino district.

It was reared by an ewe and has a head like a sheep, goat's ears and the rudiments of horns, longer legs than a lamb and silky hair.

It has no teeth. — China Mail Special.

## MANDRAKE THE MAGICIAN

By Lee Falk and Phil Davis



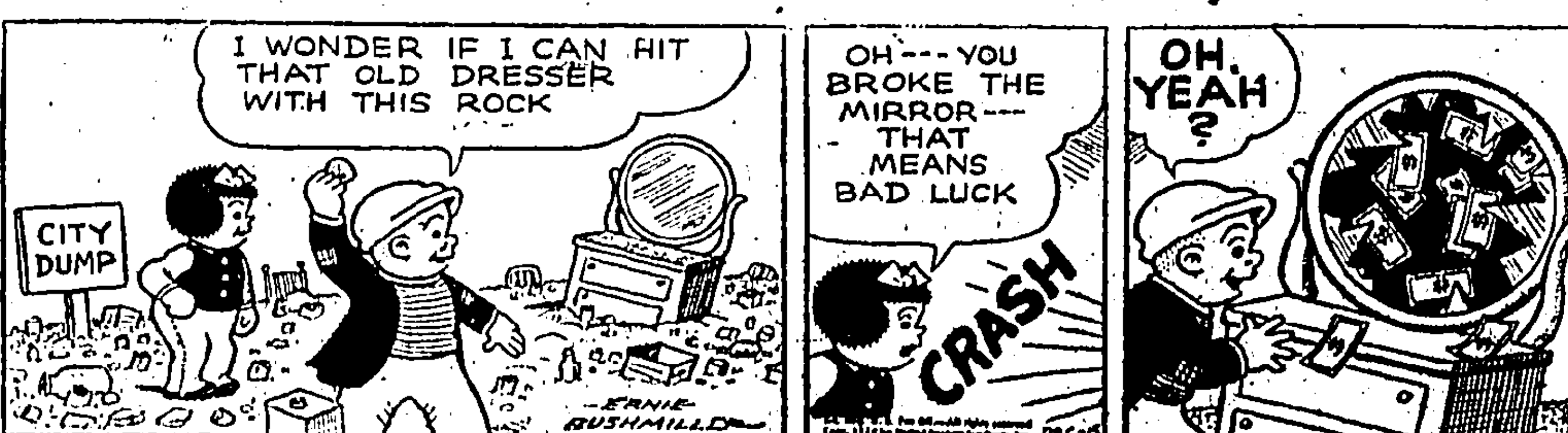
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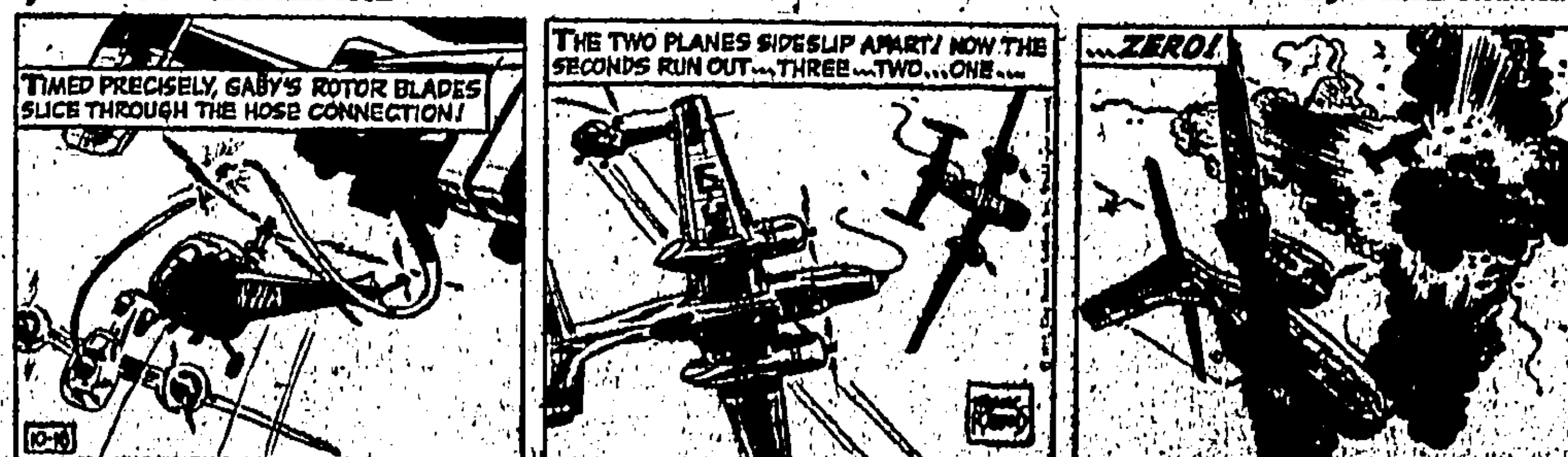
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## Wholesale Exports

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The remainder of the stones are sold in the form of necklaces, pendants, ear-rings, rings and brooches to Brazilian and tourists from all over the world. Competition is no longer among dealers but it is impossible to

curiously to assess the gemstone industry's annual turnover, but it certainly runs into millions of pounds.

The greatest success story of the Brazilian gemstone industry is the story of Mr Stern himself.

From the age of 10, he started collecting mineral specimens, and it was not surprising that when he arrived in Brazil from Essen, in the Rhineland, just before the start of World War II, he should enter the gemstone industry.

He studied every aspect of the industry for six years and then started business on his own, at a desk in a rented room.

Today, eleven years later, he has travelled all over the world in search of knowledge and stones and has built up a business with world-wide ramifications and a staff of about 120.

From an intricate filing system, he can tell the history of every stone which has passed through his hands.

He has made six key employees directors of his firm, in which he holds all the shares, and he has his own staff social welfare scheme.

He attributes his undoubted success to "hard work and luck."

He is not married. "I have never found time for that," he says. — China Mail Special.

Figures relating to the gemstone industry are difficult to get, but it is estimated that at the peak period each year upwards of 10,000 men are engaged in prospecting.

The aquamarine, regarded by the Greeks and Romans as a talisman for ocean travellers, prized in the Middle Ages as a renewer of marriages, and said when taken powdered in water to have been a cure for laziness, is now, in the opinion of Mr Stern, in gradually increasing demand and fashion.

"Diamonds," said Mr Stern "are the most publicised jewel. Every woman wants diamonds. If the demand for aquamarines was as great as for diamonds the price of the highest quality aquamarines might rise to as much 100 times the price of diamonds. The explanation is that while there are many high quality diamonds comparatively few high quality aquamarines are found."

The popularity of the topaz, birthstone for November, symbol of friendship and possessed of the legendary powers of preventing bad dreams, and dispelling worry, moves in cycles. It is not in demand at present.

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## TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

## 'BLUE CHIPS' SET THE PACE

NEW GAINS RECORDED

## \$5.48m TURNOVER IN HOLIDAY WEEK

By A Special Correspondent

The share market quickly jumped into its stride after the Chinese New Year holidays and, after a half-day of hesitancy, tacked on new gains to carry shares to the highest level of the year.

One share, HK Electric passed last year's peak price of \$46.

The turnover was \$5,480,000 in two and a half days' trading. Last week it was \$6,566 million. Yesterday's volume of \$2,770,000 was the highest recorded this year.

Under the lead of 'Blue Chips', a wide range of shares rose under heavy buying pressure. Two dividend announcements added interest and demand.

Green Island Cement announced an increase in dividends from 10 to 12 cents, a 20 per cent rise. The company also announced a new dividend of 10 cents, a 20 per cent rise. The company also announced a new dividend of 10 cents, a 20 per cent rise.

Electric Issue. The other company to announce a dividend (and an issue) was Hongkong Electric. Its final dividend goes up by five cents from \$1.55 to \$1.60.

With an interim of 70 cents paid last September, the total is \$2.30 for the year, five cents better than last year's.

The company is also making a new issue of 1,500,000 shares in the proportion of three (one bonus and two at par of \$10.) for seven.

This will raise capital from \$45 million to \$50 million. The new capital, \$10 million of which it is expected will come from the public, is needed for development work, it understood.

It will be recalled that in August last year, the company announced it had awarded the contract for the construction of the new generating station at North Point to English Electric. The value of the initial contract was \$25 million.

Dividend Hope. More than 15,000 Electric shares changed hands during the day at prices varying between \$45 and \$46 1/4. Market opinion is that they're hardly worth the latter price, but the former is more attractive.

The company discloses that when the shares are issued it is expected the dividend will be approximately \$1.60 a share a year, provided there are no fluctuations in the price of fuel.

At \$45 their ex all price will be \$32.40. If the company pays \$1.60 next year the shares will be yielding about 5.6 per cent, but if the distribution is, say, \$1.60, then the yield will be only about five per cent.

At \$46, the ex all price will be \$33.10. On a \$1.60 dividend, they will yield about 5.4 per cent, but on \$1.60 they will yield about 4.8 per cent.

Reducing Reserve. Profits and dividend appropriations for the last couple of years are interesting. In 1953, profit was \$9,000 million and dividends absorbed \$7.7 million. In 1954, profit was \$11,050 million and dividends took up \$7,875 million.

On a pay-out of \$1.00 on 5 million shares, dividends would absorb \$5 million of the profit, while a \$1.00 dividend would take up \$8 million.

For the one for seven bonus issue, the company will take \$5 million from the general reserves now standing at \$13 million. This means that the general reserve figure will go back to the 1952 level of \$8 million.

This is about all that can be said about Electric until the balance sheet is issued and the meeting takes place. But the feeling in Ice House Street—or that part of it that I frequent, anyway—is that there are hardly worth buying at anything over \$46.

Light Again. I said last week that the China Light speculation had

## ★ The Share Market At A Glance ★

	Jan 10	Jan 26	Feb 2	Feb 9	Feb 16	Up or down
HK Bank	1705	1760	1750	1775	1800	+25
Lombard	57b	57	56b	56 1/2b	56 1/2b	steady
Union	995	995	990b	1002b	1010	+15
Underwriters	9,400	9,400	9,400	9,200	9,100	-100
Union Wharf	8,40	8,40	8,65	8,90	8,85	-50
Wharf	68b	70	70 1/2b	71 1/2	72	+15
HK Dock	33 1/2	32 1/2	33b	33 1/2	33 1/2	steady
Provident	15,10b	15,20b	15,20b	15 1/2	15 1/2	steady
HK Hotels	17,30	17,20b	17,40	18,10	18	-100
HK Land	62 1/2	62	63	64	64	steady
Humphreys	205	197 1/2b	2,05	1,600b	1,625	+2 1/2
HK Realty	1,075	2,40	25	25,10	25,50	+400
HK Trams	24,30	24,40	25	25,10	25,50	+400
Star Ferry	135	133b	140b	143	144	+1
Yau Ma Tei	106	103b	105	106	108	+2
Ch Lights (a)	22,30	22,30	22	22,70	22,70	steady
Ch Lights (b)	16,70	16,40	16,60	16,90	16,80	-100
Electric	33 1/2	33 1/2	33 1/2	34 1/2	34 1/2	steady
HK Telephone	36 1/2	36 1/2	37 1/2	38	38 1/2	+500
G.I. Cement	18,90	18,70	18,40	18,60	18	-600
Dairy Farm	13,30	13,10	12,80	12,75m	12,70	-50
Lane Crawford	35 1/2	34 1/2b	35 1/2b	35 1/2	36 1/2	+100
Yankee	6,65	6,65b	6,60b	6,60b	6,60b	steady
Allied	5,45b	5,50b	5,50b	5,50	5,50b	steady
HK & F.I. Inv	11,00	11,50	11,50	11,40b	11,40	-100
Textile Corp	5 1/2b	5 1/2b	5,50	5,60b	5,50	-100
Nanyang	7,90b	7,80b	7,80b	7,60b	7,75b	+150

## NY COTTON FUTURES SHOW GAIN

New York, Feb. 16.

Cotton futures today showed a moderate range but managed to show a gain.

At the close the list ruled off 1 1/2 to 1 1/4 points. Opening prices were off 5 to 1 up 1 point.

New Orleans closed off 3 to 1 up 12 points.

Traders operated cautiously in face of farm legislation uncertainties and evening-up in the March delivery before first notice day on Thursday.

Diminished activity in textile markets, plus a heavier rate of repossessions out of the government loan stocks and hedge-selling acted to handicap new market interest, traders felt.

NEW YORK

Prices of futures closed today as follows:

Spot 33.50-34.75

Mar. 33.50-34.75

May 33.50-34.75

July 33.50-34.75

Oct. 33.50-34.75

Dec. 33.50-34.75

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Oct. 33.50-34.75

Dec. 33.50-34.75

## New York Stocks Back Into Narrow Pattern

New York, Feb. 16.

Stocks slipped back into a narrow, irregular price pattern and quiet trading today after yesterday's sharp run-up on the optimistic Eisenhower medical report.

Long Bell Lumber, strong in recent sessions in reflection of merger possibilities with International Paper climbed another 2 1/2 points to \$56.

In oils, Continental added 1 1/2 to 58 1/2 and high-priced Superior Oil of California rose 10 to \$1,000, but Standard, N.J., fell a point to \$151 1/4.

Chrysler fell back 3 1/4 to \$72 1/4 in the motors, and General Motors dipped 1/4 to \$43 1/4.

Rails were very narrow moving.

The cashness apparent in the list today was a continuation of yesterday's sharp early rally.

There still is considerable wariness in financial quarters and commentators generally look for continued irregular and highly selective activity in the market.

Closing Prices

Alden Inc. Acy. 21

Allied Chemicals 107 1/4

Allied Mills Inc. 34 1/2

Amoco Chemicals 21 1/2

American Airline 38

American Metal 23 1/2

American Smelting 18 1/2

American Tel. & Tel. 18 1/2

American Tob. & Tel. 7 1/2

Anacosta Copper 40 1/2

Armour 18 1/2

Baltimore & Ohio 2

Beckman Steel 14 1/2

Borden (The) Co. 59 1/2

Burroughs Add Machine 30

Canadian Pacific R. 10 1/2

Chrysler Motors 43 1/2

C.I. Financial Corp. 47 1/2

Chase Manhattan Bank 72 1/2

Chrysler Motors 43 1/2

## TODAY'S SHARE PRICES

Business done on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange this morning amounted to approximately \$1,300,000. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions:

SHARES BUYERS SELLERS SALES

BANKS

HK Bank 1000 2 at 1000

INSURANCE

Union 500 1000

Lombard 500 1000

Underwriters 500 1000

SHIPPING

Union Wharf 25,20

DOCKS, ETC.

HK Wharf 72 73 100 at 72 1/2

Doek 33 1/2 33 1/2 100 at 33 1/2

Provident (Old) 15,20 15,40 1500 at 15 1/2

Wheeler (Old) 6,75 6,85 6200 at 6 3/4

LAND, ETC.

HK Land 17,70 17,90

(Old) 63 63 1/2 400 at 63 1/2

(New) 61 62 300 at 61 1/2

Humphreys 19 1/2 20 1000 at 19 1/2

Realty 58 59 1000 at 58 1/2

UTILITIES

Tram 23,60 300 at 23,40

Yankee Ferry 105 103 100 at 103

C. Light (O) 23 1/2 22,70 100 at 23 1/2

C. Light (N) 18,60 18,80 100 at 18 1/2

Electric 34 34 1/2 100 at 34 1/2

Meeco Electric 0,60

(New) 0,60

Telephone 33 1/2 33 1/2 1000 at 33 1/2

INDUSTRIALS

Cement 30,20 30,10 2500 at 30 1/2

Rope, ETC.

Dairy 15,10

COTTONS

Satell 5,20 5,35 1000 at 5,40

Nanyang 7,60

MISCELLANEOUS

Entertain 140 at 13,90

Vibro 24,20 1000 at 24

## London Stocks' Late Rally After Bank Rate Announcement

London, Feb. 16.

A boost in the government bank rate to 5 1/2 per cent took its toll on the London Stock Exchange today, but rallying tendencies later pulled many sections above the day's lows.

British government stocks opened easier. War Loan 3 1/2 per cent fell on the downside, skidding to an all-time low. Then, after announcement of the government's anti-inflation move, demand quickly increased in the closing minutes, and a number of the "gills" finished on the plus side by as much as 1 1/2.

Industrials were dull and generally easier in relatively quiet trading. Rolls-Royce lost about four shillings. Borax Consolidated gained on good dividend news.

Oil left selling, and Royal Dutch skidded about 4 1/2. Others lost around two shillings. A mild rally brought a few issues above their lows near the close.

Foreign bonds eased in quiet trading. Gold shares drifted after a firm opening, and coppers moved lower.

Dollars stocks finished with losses ranging to about £1.—United Press.

London Foreign Exchange

New York, Feb. 16.

Montreal 2,001 1/2-2,000 1/2

Brussels 10,61 1/2-10,60

Copenhagen 10,34 1/2-10,33 1/2

Frankfurt 11,71 1/2-11,70

Lisbon 80,25-80,20

Milan 75,51-75,50

Oslo 20,00-20,00 1/2

Paris 90,21-90,20

Stockholm 12,52 1/2-12,52 1/2

Zurich 12,23 1/2-12,23 1/2

Others were unchanged.—United Press.

New York Foreign Exchange

Canada 1,000 1/2-1,000 1/2

England 1,000 1/2-1,000 1/2

Australia 2,70 1/2-2,70 1/2

New Zealand 2,70 1/2-2,70 1/2

South Africa 12,23 1/2-12,23 1/2

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## JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK

### At The Theatre

MANY nights at the theatre, as the house lights went out and the chattering gave place to the crackle of chocolate-wrappings, the curtain had risen upon a drama of crime and detection.

Now, it was mid-morning. The curtain was down in the silent theatre, actors and actresses were at home, abed, or busy at film studios, dust-sheets covered the seats in stalls, pit and circles—and a minor drama was about to begin.

There were two in the all-male cast of it; one stood in the wings awaiting his cue. The other was busy about the feeble plot which was of his own devising.

**ENTRANCES**

HIS name was Arthur and his stage was a seat in the stalls. There, as he stooped, an occasional chinking sound told how busy his nimble fingers were. He was opening the containers that held the six-pence audiences paid for the use of opera-glasses. It was none of his business to be doing so. Arthur was robbing the management of the theatre, who employed him as a carpenter.

As he opened one container, and the cupro-nickel stream of sixpences fell into his cupped hand, the other actor in the drama took his cue. The house-manager moved from behind a curtain where he had been hidden. "What do you think you're doing?" he asked Arthur.

**ATTEMPTED EXIT**

"Eh... oh, hullo, boss," said Arthur, and tried to laugh it off. "Caught in the act eh? I was trying to get a bit of snootie, as a matter of fact. Up late last night, and..."

His act failed off before the other's unbelief. He tried to bolt, but was stopped. The police were called. Arthur was searched. He had on him £1 17s. in sixpences, and a key that would open the containers. "I found that key, honest. In the theatre," Arthur said. He is a short man, 40 years old, who wears spectacles with thin horn rims, and a ribbon of dark moustache.

At the Clerkwell court, he pleaded guilty to stealing the £1 17s.

**FLASHBACK**

"He asks," said a policeman to Mr. Frank Powell, the magistrate, "that six other offences should be taken into consideration. He says he has been taking about £2 a week for the last six weeks."

"Is anything known about him?" the magistrate asked.

"There's one previous conviction, sir. He was bound over in 1940, for larceny. He's a married man, and has a son aged 18 who is in the Armed Forces, and a daughter of 10. His pay at the theatre was £9 5s. a week, and they say he was a very good worker. During the war he was exempt from national service and worked for a shipbuilder. His pay then was £20-£27 a week."

**68 Die Of Cold**

Rome, Feb. 16.

The death toll of the cold wave in Italy rose to 68 today after 15 more people died in the last two days from the extreme cold and the ice and snow.

—France Presse.

**UC SECRETARY**

I.E. the Governor has appointed Mr. R. W. Primrose to be Secretary to the Urban Council, vice Mr. J. W. Ferris. It was announced in the Government Gazette today.

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## CRIMINAL SESSIONS

The February Criminal Sessions opened at the Supreme Court this morning when five accused, including a woman, appeared before Mr. Justice, J. Reynolds.

Two of the cases, involving three men, concerned the capital charge of using arms against a person without lawful authority.

The first case under that charge was that of Luk Kwai, 32, who will be defended by Mr. Richard Winter, instructed by Mr. F. Zimmermann. No plea was taken; his trial was adjourned for a date to be fixed.

A second case against Luk in which he faces charges of wounding with intent to murder and shooting with intent (alternatively was adjourned to the next Sessions. Not being capital charges, Luk was not legally represented in this instance.

**TRIAL ADJOURNED**

The two other men facing a capital charge of using arms were Chan Chuen, alias Poek-marked Chuen and Up Tung, alias Chung Hung. They will be represented by Mr. Hung-lik Hu, instructed by Russ and Co.

Trial on the capital charge was adjourned for a date to be fixed and their case on two other charges of assault with intent to rob and possession of arms (against Chan only) were adjourned to next Sessions.

The only woman among the accused was Au Young Lau-mei, 34, who denied a charge of arson, but pleaded guilty to one of attempted suicide. Her case was also remanded.

A Special Jury was ordered for the trial of Li Nung, 27, charged with murder. He will be defended by Mr. John Clifford (instructed by M. A. da Silva). His case was adjourned from the last Sessions to February 27 because his Counsel had to leave for England.

## Government Appointments

The following Government appointments were announced in the Government Gazette today.

Miss D. Patterson to be Senior Nursing Sister; Dr. K. H. Black to be Acting Chief Port Health Officer, during the absence of Dr. B. Smart; Mr. Milne to be Acting Divisional Officer, Fire Brigade; Misses F. M. Barnden and P. M. Archer to be Misses, Education Department.

Mr. R. Woodward, Senior Surveyor of Ships, has resumed his duties on returning from leave; Mr. W. Coleman, Miss M. L. Everett, Principal Matron, has resumed her duties, vice Miss H. C. Fisher. It was also announced that Miss K. Marley ceased to act as Matron, Class I, while Miss C. L. Lister, who ceased to act as Matron, Class II.

## Radio Hongkong

H.K.T. 5.00 Time Signal and Programme Summary; 5.15 Stock Market Report; 6.00 Programme for Children presented by Marie (Studio); 6.30 Regularly Poll presented by Ted Thomas (Studio); Predict the three top times of the week to win \$30; 6.55 Weather Report; 7.00 Time Signal and the News (London Relay); 7.05 Appeal on Behalf of the Children's Playgroup Association; 7.10 Festival Review-A Discussion with Janet Tomblin (Chairman); 7.45 Jazz Half Hour presented by Robert Acheson (Studio); 8.15 The Royal Tour of Australia; Her Majesty the Queen arrives at London Airport. Commentary by Richard Dimbleby (Recorded London Relay); 8.45 An American News Letter (London Relay); 9.00 Musical Love Songs; 9.15 Classical Requests presented by Allen Dekker (Studio); 10.00 Continental Cabaret presented by Denise Drabant (Studio); 10.30 Virtuoso. Campbell (violin); 10.45 Songs from the Shows; Harold Coates with his Soloists (vocal); 11.00 Orchestra; 11.05 Weather Report; 11.15 Time Signal and the News (Recorded London Relay); 11.15 Goodnight Music; 11.30 Close Down.

## REDIFFUSION

2 p.m. Variety Calls the Tune; 3. Musical Mainline; 3.30 Strike Up the Band; 3.45 Break House; 4.00 Charles Dickens; 4.15 Tea for Two; 4.30 Benny Kaye Show; 4.45 Corner-Alice's Adventures in Wonderland-Edna (Studio); 5.00 Her Majesty the Queen arrives at London Airport. Commentary by Richard Dimbleby (Recorded London Relay); 5.45 An American News Letter (London Relay); 6.00 Musical Love Songs; 6.15 Classical Requests presented by Allen Dekker (Studio); 6.30 Continental Cabaret presented by Denise Drabant (Studio); 6.55 Virtuoso. Campbell (violin); 7.00 Songs from the Shows; Harold Coates with his Soloists (vocal); 7.10 Orchestra; 7.15 Weather Report; 7.25 Time Signal and the News (Recorded London Relay); 7.25 Goodnight Music; 7.30 Close Down.

## SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"It must have been pretty warm in the mailman's bag—and the humidity steamed it open!"

## A Very Pleasing Mozart Concert

The all-Mozart chamber concert given by the Sino-British Club Chamber Music Group at Queen Elizabeth School last night was a considerable undertaking. Many difficulties had beset the organisers; the date had to be altered, illness almost prevented one artist from appearing, and a major work had to be cancelled and substituted by another. However, the large audience was a tribute to the success of the occasion. The acoustics of this fine hall are not quite so good for this type of music as in the Grantham College Hall, but if the audiences are to continue so large (as we hope), the larger hall may continue to be used.

The piano and wind quintet announced in the programme was replaced by the better-known Haydn quartet for strings, K. 581, which was undertaken at short notice by Mr. C. I. Wilks, clarinet; Prof. Arrigo Foa, first violin; Dr. S. M. Bard, second violin; Mr. E. A. R. Alves, cello; and Mr. F. M. Archer, double bass. The beautiful and rewarding work, written in 1780, only two years before Mozart's death. It is chamber music at its best. In spite of the short time of preparation, the ensemble was good; in this quintet all the parts were of equal importance, though the clarinet, by its distinctiveness, stands out. Mr. Wilks' tone has rounded during the last year, and he gave a beautiful performance in the second two of the remarkable third movement with two tries. The strings all gave of their accustomed best, though the cello needs more strength and confidence. The volume of the strings generally seemed a little subdued in this work, but this may have been due to the curtains not being fully drawn back. We hope for a performance of the cancelled Quintet at a future concert.

## PERFECT BLENDING

The same string players gave as the last item in the programme the Quintet in C major, K. 587, one of the second set of so-called "Haydn" quartets, dedicated to Mozart's great friend and master. This is an exceptionally long quartet, and especially in the Menuetto movement (the second, not the third movement this time) with its curiously accented melody, it seems as if Mozart was reluctant to come to an end. This again is a pleasure to hear as always. Dr. Bard and Mr. Alves are entirely reliable "middle parts" and with more strength, Mr. Huang will be a sound chamber music player.

Prof. Foa and Miss Caroline Bragg played one of the piano and violin sonatas that in E flat major, K. 380. The wistful slow movement and the sprightly Rondo are particularly delightful, and were given a sympathetic performance. Miss Bragg also played the charming little Piano Sonata in C. K. 545, which Mozart wrote late in his life. As always, she played with great musicianship and did not treat this lovely miniature with any less care on account of its simplicity. The gentle slow

movement was especially pleasing. It was good to have Mozart's great operas represented in the programme, and it was very courageous of Miss Julia Lee to play the two lovely arias from "Figaro" after an illness. "Voilà le sapote" (you ladies, know what love is) is sung by the puge, Cherubino, and "Deh vieni con me" (come, do not delay) by Susanna, Figaro's bride. Miss Lee understood the spirit of these songs, and her intonation was sound. She is inclined to be a little tense; her voice and take away the rather exaggerated "shakes." It would be better also to take "Voilà le sapote" more quickly.

Mrs. Moyra Rea was as ever a sympathetic accompanist, and a great help throughout.

All the artists are congratulated and thanked for giving this concert as a part of the tribute to Mozart in this biennial year.—K.K.

## The McComish-Franklin Breach Of Promise Action

### "Defendant Now Wishes To Marry Plaintiff"

At this morning's hearing of the breach of promise suit brought by Miss Gloria Elizabeth Franklin against Cpl David McComish, Defence Counsel announced that McComish now wished to marry the plaintiff.

Miss Franklin, 17-year-old daughter of a Chief Petty Officer in the Royal Navy, claims that Cpl McComish, of Command Workshop REME, is the father of her new-born baby, Alan John, and that he had twice promised to marry her early last year but had not kept his word.

Suing by "her next friend," her father, R. G. Franklin, the plaintiff also instituted action for damages against Lt. Col. Leslie Norman Morris, Commanding Officer of Cpl McComish, for allegedly procuring or inducing the Corporal to refuse to carry out the promise of marriage.

The two defendants are represented by Mr. D. A. J. Wright, instructed by Mr. J. C. B. Sime.

Mr. P. D. d'Almeida Remedios is for the plaintiff.

Summarising the evidence to express the case of the defendant, Mr. Wright said that he would first deal with evidence concerning McComish. He said the Defence considered that the Corporal did make a promise to marry Miss Franklin on the first occasion on May 3, and it was also considered that he broke that first promise as stated in the Corporal's letter on May 7. Mr. Wright said that this first breach did not last long—at the outset it was a matter of four days, as McComish had again made a promise of marriage on May 11. He said that he must stress that the damage caused by that first breach of promise was very negligible and nominal.

### "REASONABLE TIME"

Coming to the second phase of events—the second promise of marriage, made on May 11, Mr. Wright asked whether this could be regarded as a fresh promise, a separate incident or a renewal of the first one. The statement of claim alleged that McComish failed to marry Miss Franklin within a "reasonable time."

Mr. Wright said what was a reasonable time depended on the facts. He added that looking at the evidence adduced in view of the plaintiff's case, "reasonable time" was purely a matter of fact that it did not seem possible, without the local overcautious allowance, that Cpl McComish could support a wife and child on his normal pay at that time. It seemed that this allowance was a most important item in the Corporal's budget, as it would almost double his pay.

Mr. Wright cited a letter, written by McComish in which he had said that living on an income of \$175 a week, without the allowance, was impossible with a wife and child. And the Corporal had stated that "I am afraid the wedding would have to be put off till next March."

**VIEW ENDORSED**

Mr. Wright added that Mrs. Franklin had endorsed the Corporal's view on his financial situation.

Mr. Wright said that in every reasonable view, McComish was entitled to postpone his wedding because of his financial position. Endorsing the evidence, Mr. Wright said that Mrs. Franklin had stated that Corporal McComish had uttered in an interview in June last year that he was "definitely not going to marry."

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### Placed On \$20,000 Bail

Bail of \$20,000 was allowed to 24-year-old Yu Tong on a charge of possession of dangerous drugs by Mr. Durling at Central this morning.

Three other women, Wong Lin, 42, Lam Por-lui, 53, and Ling Ying, 48, charged with the same offence, were each allowed bail of \$2,000.

They were represented by Mr. R. W. S. Winter, instructed by Mr. M. K. Lam and were remanded for further seven days.

They were alleged to have had 200,000 heroin pills at No. 600, Jaffe Road, fourth floor, on February 3. The heroin, according to the Prosecuting officer, Det. Insp. Fergus, was worth \$30,000.

### WOMAN & CHILD INJURED

A woman and her eight-year-old child were both injured when they were knocked down by a bus in Queen's Road West, near its junction with Centre Street, at 4.20 p.m. yesterday.

The accident occurred as the woman, Cheung Bui-chun, aged 40 of 7, Hung Hing Terrace, 1st floor attempted to cross the roadway.

The injured woman and child were taken to hospital, where they received treatment but were not detained.

### Watch Snatched

A Chinese woman walking along Hennessy Road, Wanchoi, had her wristwatch snatched off by a male Chinese at 4.30 p.m. yesterday. A pickpocket yesterday stole cash from a Chinese woman passenger on a train between the Central and Western districts.

## MOTORIST LOSES HIS APPEAL

Mr Justice J. R. Gregg, Acting Chief Justice, this morning dismissed the appeal against conviction and sentence by W. S. Ross, of 121 Chatham Road, who was found guilty of a driving offence in July last year.

Ross had been fined \$1,000 or six months by Mr. I. T. Morris in Kowloon on December 22 and disqualified from holding a driving licence for 12 months.

The charge against Ross was that on July 28, 1955, at the junction of Waterloo Road and Essex Crescent, he unlawfully drove private car No. JX2124 whilst under the influence of drink to such an extent as to be incapable of having proper control of the vehicle.

Appellant was represented in the appeal by Mr. J. C. Shurlock, instructed by Mr. J. C. Stewart of Stewart and Co. Mr. D. F. O. Mayne, Crown Counsel, appeared for the Crown.

### THE GROUNDS

The grounds of the appeal against conviction were that the Magistrate's decision was wrong in fact and against the weight of evidence; that the Magistrate failed to give proper weight to the medical evidence to the effect that appellant was suffering from alcoholism; and that the verdict was unreasonable or could not be supported, having regard to the evidence.

The ground of appeal against sentence was that the sentence was manifestly excessive in view of the circumstances of the case.

In giving his decision, Mr. Justice Gregg said he had carefully considered the evidence adduced in the case, together with the submissions by Counsel on both sides (given yesterday) and he was satisfied that the learned Magistrate had ample evidence, including that of the appellant himself, before him to justify him coming to the conclusion that he did.

As regards the sentence, His Lordship said he had carefully considered the matter and was of the opinion that the present sentence should stand.

### OTHER APPEALS

The Acting Chief Justice also dismissed two other appeals. The first of these was brought by Li Wal, who was given six months' hard labour by a Magistrate for possession of dangerous drugs.

Appealing against the conviction, Li claimed he had been falsely accused to the Police. He said he told the Police that the drugs did not belong to him.

His Lordship told the appellant that he had said the same thing at the Magistrate's trial and that he was not there to re-try his case.

Mr. Justice Gregg added that it appeared from the record that the appellant's sentence had already been reduced from 12 months to six.

"You have already been very sympathetically dealt with," he remarked.

### "SMALL QUANTITY"

Appealing against the sentence, Wong Ko, said he had only a small quantity of the drug. He said he understood one year was the maximum sentence for such a charge.

Chiu Ho, maintained he did not actually have the drug on him when he was arrested, although he admitted being a heroin smoker.

Third appellant pleaded that he did not have the drug in his possession. He maintained he was in question to look for someone whom he was arrested.

In dismissing the appeals, Mr. Justice Gregg pointed out to the first two appellants that their sentences had already been reduced.

## Retirements And Promotions

H.E. the Governor has permitted the following officers to retire from the Royal Hongkong Defence Force on attaining the normal age of retirement. It was announced in the Government Gazette today: Lt. K. J. Attwell, Major J. A. C. Hurlbutt, Capt. G. Halligan.

It was also announced that the Commandant of the RHKDF has posted Lt. R. McMullan, Hongkong Regiment, to the RHKDF Reserve of Officers.

The following promotions in the Hongkong Regiment were announced: Lieutenants W. Karkid, G. L. Dickson, D. A. F. Mathew, R. H. P. Pritchard, A. T. Trenery, the Hon. D. C. Geddes, D. Hunt (Force HQ), and A. P. Pereira (Hongkong Regiment), to be Captains.

Mrs. P. C. J. Wong, of the Hongkong Women's Naval Volunteer Force, arrived in Hong Kong on the 15th inst. and confirmed in the rank of Third Officer, it was announced.

## Bank Manager Arrives From China

Mr. D. F. C. Cleland, Manager of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, arrived in Hong Kong on the 15th inst. and confirmed in the rank of Third Officer, it was announced.

Mr. Cleland will stay here for a month before leaving for England.

Arriving by the same ship were Mr. Uffe Himmlstrup, secretary of the Danish Embassy in Peking, and his wife.

The Himmlstrups are on holiday.

## Other passengers disembarking here were 15 White Russians en route for various places for resettlement under the auspices of the United Nations Refugee Organisation.

## Kept Illegal Dancing School

Pleading guilty to keeping a dancing school, Lam Chi-woon, 29, was fined \$800 by Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central this morning.

The Prosecution stressed that the premises where the school was kept (No. 122, Des Voeux Road Central, second floor) were most unsuitable, there being a great fire risk because of the wooden staircase. In addition, complaints above the premises had been received.

## Boy Knocked Down

A young boy, aged eight, was injured in a collision with a bus in Queen's Road West near Possession Street at 9.15 p.m.

The boy, Chan Luk-tan, of 30, Queen's Road West, 1st floor, was attempting to cross the road at the time of the accident. He was removed to hospital, where he is now detained.

## Pharmacy Board

H.E. the Governor has appointed Mr. Laurence Andrew Ernest Leong to be a Member of the Pharmacy Board during the absence of Mr. A. D. Brington. It was announced in the Government Gazette today.